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WEEKS DAYS.

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.15	4.35	5.45
Yauwatt ...Dep.	8.45	8.10	9.15	10.05	12.05	1.20	2.20	4.40	5.50
Shamshui ...Dep.	8.50	8.15	9.20	10.10	12.10	1.25	2.25	4.45	5.55
Shatin ...Dep.	9.00	8.25	9.30	10.20	12.20	1.35	2.35	4.55	6.05
Taipei ...Dep.	9.10	8.35	9.40	10.30	12.30	1.45	2.45	5.05	6.15
Taipei Market ...Dep.	9.20	8.45	9.50	10.40	12.40	1.55	2.55	5.15	6.25
Fanning ...Dep.	9.30	8.55	10.00	10.50	12.50	2.05	3.05	5.25	6.35
Shamshui ...Dep.	9.40	9.05	10.10	11.00	1.00	2.10	3.10	5.35	6.45
Shamshui ...Arr.	7.41	8.45	10.15	10.57	12.57	2.08	3.08	5.38	6.47
Canton ...Arr.	—	—	11.50	5.58	—	—	6.03	—	—

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Canton ...Dep.	7.15	8.05	10.34	11.09	11.37	2.08	4.41	5.49	6.34
Shamshui ...Dep.	7.25	8.15	10.44	—	11.44	2.18	4.51	5.59	6.44
Fanning ...Dep.	7.30	8.20	10.49	—	11.49	2.23	4.56	6.04	6.49
Taipei Market ...Dep.	7.40	8.30	10.59	—	12.00	2.33	5.06	6.14	6.59
Taipei ...Dep.	7.44	8.34	11.00	—	12.05	2.38	5.11	6.19	7.04
Shatin ...Dep.	7.57	8.47	11.13	—	12.18	2.51	5.24	6.32	7.17
Shamshui ...Dep.	8.11	9.01	11.25	—	12.32	3.05	5.38	6.46	7.31
Yauwatt ...Dep.	8.17	9.07	11.31	—	12.38	3.11	5.44	6.52	7.37
Kowloon ...Arr.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.15	4.35	5.45
Yauwatt ...Dep.	8.45	8.10	9.15	10.05	12.05	1.20	2.20	4.40	5.50
Shamshui ...Dep.	8.50	8.15	9.20	10.10	12.10	1.25	2.25	4.45	5.55
Shatin ...Dep.	9.00	8.25	9.30	10.20	12.20	1.35	2.35	4.55	6.05
Taipei ...Dep.	9.10	8.35	9.40	10.30	12.30	1.45	2.45	5.05	6.15
Taipei Market ...Dep.	9.20	8.45	9.50	10.40	12.40	1.55	2.55	5.15	6.25
Fanning ...Dep.	9.30	8.55	10.00	10.50	1.00	2.10	3.10	5.25	6.35
Shamshui ...Dep.	9.40	9.05	10.10	11.00	1.00	2.10	3.10	5.35	6.45
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GENERAL HORVATH LEADING THE CHINA MOVEMENT.

There is a movement on foot in White Russian circles throughout China, which is only the local outcropping of a much larger movement of international importance and which gives some promise of bringing forth a compact, world-wide organization of Russian emigrants, irrespective of former politics or present ambitions for the Russia that is to succeed the U.S.S.R., but bound together by the single purpose of freeing the homeland of the despotism that has decimated, ruined and disgraced it. Five years ago the bare suggestion of such a movement to unify "the Emigration," as the Russians call their 4,000,000 exiles who are scattered about the world, would have been received by the leaders of the various parties and cliques with cynical mirth.

It has not been many months indeed since the common response to the suggestion that the anti-Bolshevik Russians abroad should sink their differences and rivalries and work to a common end invariably was that there were still too many would-be Napoleons at large who saw in any undertaking to overturn the Soviet regime no more than an opportunity to display their own personal interest, and that these many aspirants to dictatorial glory had only to attain a certain degree of success in any joint campaign to be more engrossed in each other's undoing than in the discomfiture of the common enemy.

Reaction to Red Exploitation.

Something new, however, has had the moral effect of giving the Russian exiles much more confidence in the possibility of forming a non-partisan league. Perhaps it has been a realization of the fact that their prospects of returning to a sane and healthy Russia are not improving with the passage of time but diminishing with the rise of a generation spiritually poisoned from childhood. At any rate it would appear that an impatience with petty rivalries has arisen in the masses of the Emigration which has been felt strongly even in China and has forced the above mentioned Napoleons in embryo to conceal their ambitions and support the movement.

The first suggestion of this development that reached non-Russian ears came in the form of a report from Peking to the effect that General Horvath, once military governor of the C.E.R. Zone and more lately an adviser to the Peking Government, had been called upon by various Russian leaders in China and by the Peking authorities as well, to assume the leadership in forming a China group as a factor in the larger world organization of the anti-Bolshevik Emigration. It then became known that before making any response to these suggestions, General Horvath had called to the Grand Duke Nicholas in Paris asking for a statement of opinion and had received in reply a cable message which strongly endorsed the formation of a non-party anti-Bolshevik group in China and encouraged General Horvath to take the initiative in the work of bringing White Russians here together. Then a statement issued by General Horvath, couched in very modest terms, became available here and was submitted to all the leading Whites with encouraging results.

Statement by General Horvath.

The following is a translation of the text as it has come to us:

"For a long time now there has been no remedy for the complete disintegration of the body of Russian emigrants and many attempts to create some sort of a united movement have failed. This, however, it might be well to point out, was only normal since everything of this character has to develop through a slow process of evolutionary enlightenment. Now that the various recalcitrants of our

various political factions are prepared to acknowledge bitter realities, the evolutionary process among us is at an end and I take it that this is a very favorable moment for the Emigration to organize within itself a movement which will enable the exiles of our kin to endure all the hardships with which their lives abound. The reconciliation of leaders who were formerly divided and a powerful showing among all of a common spirit have recently been the best evidence that, in the past ten years the Emigration has not degenerated but is now a more resolute and deeply inspired body.

"Personally I have no ambitions whatever. I recognize the Grand Duke Nicholas as a supreme leader and am prepared to do my best in assisting with the organization of the emigrants. I fully share the opinion of the Grand Duke that the new federation must include all the Russian emigrants, whatever their political views, on the one condition that they are faithful adherents to the White cause. Concerning the widely rumored delegation of the Grand Duke's authority, it must be said that the Grand Duke does not give preference to any one faction but feels that in each part of the world the ways and means to unity will now be locally evolved in a natural way. I, for instance, feel personally that anyone who can accomplish the work of bringing the emigrants together in the country, whether it will be Vladimir Simionoff, N. V. Mekuloff, N. L. Gondoff or myself, will be recognized by the Grand Duke.

"The attitude of the Chinese Government (Peking) towards this movement may be said to be favorable, since it is recognized that we have no intention of going into local politics. Our first objective will be our economic betterment and success in this will be of assistance to the Chinese authorities in the solution of what they call the Russian emigrant problem."

Assurance to Leaders. Since this document was first made available, much has happened to give the leaders considerably more assurance and the movement has already developed larger ambitions. The purpose remains one and the same. Ultimately the organization must overthrow the Reds and meanwhile there is to be no discussion of political theory so that there may be ground for discussion and division of purpose.

General Horvath has received more encouragement to retain the leadership from Shanghai, Tientsin, and the Manchurian communities than he had anticipated and it seems fairly certain that as soon as the Emigration has achieved organic unity, it will be given the recognition of the Peking Government. It still greater cohesion is then effected among the other major colonies of exiles scattered over the world so that the 4,000,000 Whites may claim to be a compact body as the 800,000 Communists who now support the Red despotism, it is hoped that the Powers that have already outlawed the Soviet or have never recognized it will take cognizance of the Emigration as a political entity and treat with it as such. It is even suggested that the Emigration could then undertake something more than a spiritual campaign against their Bolshevik enemy for if they could be recognized as the heirs to the Imperial Russian Government, the funds held in trust for that Government in various countries would become available as the means of war. An informal representative of General Horvath who is now in Shanghai, who is familiar with the progress which this organization has made elsewhere, is of the opinion that international recognition of the Emigration as a political unit which would at least relieve the exiles from the embarrassment of being people without a country, will be readily forthcoming whenever it is made clear enough that the movement has real solidarity, a fixed purpose and a permanent future—North China Daily News.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Victoria British School Distribution of prizes by Mrs. Craig, 11 a.m.
11th Ordinary General Meeting of Industrial and Commercial Bank Ltd., York Building, 2 p.m.
Fanning Hunt: Meet at Hunters Arms, 2.45 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Hockey Club 1st XI v. Wanderers U.S.R.C., 4.45 p.m.; University Club de Recreio, 5.15 p.m.
Royal Hong Kong Golf Club annual general meeting, Old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, 5.30 p.m.
"Cheer O"—Y.M.C.A.—Whist Drive, 7.30 p.m.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Rocking Moon."
World Theatre: "The Last Days of Pompeii."
Star Theatre: "Honesty the best Policy" and "The White Outlaw."
Principal Mails: Outward: Australia, New Zealand etc. (Perge Mers), 8.30 a.m.; Europe via Siberia (Chenonceau), 12.30 p.m.

Thursday.

Cricket: Oxford v. Cambridge, H.K.C.C. ground.
8th Ordinary yearly meeting of the China Light and Power Co. (1915), Ltd., St. George's Building, noon.
Legislative Council Meeting, 2.30 p.m.
Garrison Football League: 20th H. Bty. R.A. v. R.A.M.C. H.Q. 1 K.O.S.B. v. R.E. and R. Sigs. 5.00 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; "Cheer O" Y.M.C.A. Informal Dance, 7 p.m.
After dinner dance at Lee Gardens.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Chinese Parrot."
World Theatre: "The Last Days of Pompeii."
Star Theatre: "Wandering Husbands."

Friday.

Winter Solstice (Tung-chick).
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Hockey Club "A" v. University, King's Park, 5 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Xmas Concert for Services, City Hall, 7 p.m.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Chinese Parrot."
World Theatre: "The Last Days of Pompeii."
Star Theatre: "Wandering Husbands."
Principal Mails: Outward: Europe via Siberia (Socchova), 8 p.m.

Saturday.

Christmas Eve.
Golf: Christmas Meeting, Fanning.
Sleepchase Meeting, Kwanti.
Cricket: League—Division I: C.S.C.C. v. University, Division II: University 2nd XI v. H.K. Electric Co.; Navy v. K.C.C. 2nd XI.
Friendly Cricket: Married v. Single (H.K.C.C. ground); Kowloon C.C. v. Navy (first day).
Interpret Football Trial: Royal Navy v. Probables, H.K.F.C. ground, Happy Valley.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; H.K. Hotel Christmas Eve Carnival.
Cafe Regent and King Edward Hotel dinner dances, 8 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Chinese Parrot."
World Theatre: "Wandering Husbands."
Principal Mails: Inward: Europe via Suez (Devanah), Outward: Europe via Marseilles, etc. (Kashgar), 10.30 a.m.; Europe via Siberia (Devanah).

Sunday.

Christmas Day.
Golf: Christmas Meeting, Fanning.
Farewell Sermon of Rev. H. Copley Moyle, St. John's Cathedral.
"Cheer O" Y.M.C.A. Men's Meeting, 7.45 p.m.
Principal Mails: Inward: Canada, U.S.A., etc. (President McKinley).
Monday.
Boxing Day (Bank Holiday).

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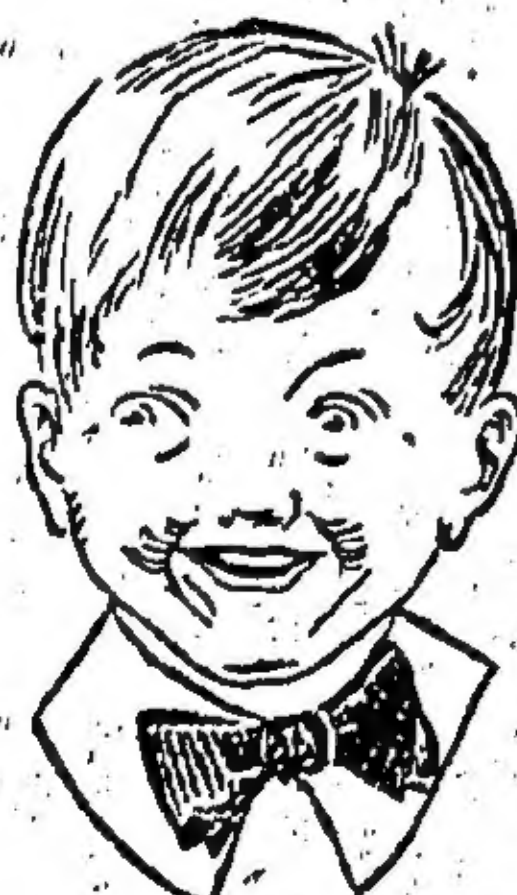


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FREE FIGHT IN THE CITY HALL.

MAYOR ACCUSED OF PATRONISING GEISHAS.

Tokyo, December 1st.
The city fathers of Tokyo indulged in a veritable free-for-all yesterday over the question of whether the Mayor of Japan's capital, Mr. Nishikubo, should be called upon to resign or not. For several days past, the anti-Mayor element in the Tokyo City Assembly have been planning measures whereby the present Mayor should be forced to resign, and it was resolved to bring a non-confidence motion into the Assembly. The Mayor was willing to resign, not because his opponents demanded it, but to avert strife, and suggested that the Home Minister should relieve him of office. This, his supporters regarded as cowardly and insisted that he stand by his guns.

Yesterday, there were ample signs of intense strain, and a strong posse of police was stationed outside the City Hall, as the indications showed that the meeting place of the City Fathers very likely would be turned into a battleground. Throughout the day, there was frantic speech-making and, as it was growing late, the speaker called upon the Opposition to present the non-confidence motion and be done with it.

An Uproar.

An Opposition speaker, upholding the non-confidence motion, declared, *inter alia* that the Mayor was in the habit of entertaining his adherents in the City Assembly night after night at geisha houses. This remark proved the spark that caused the explosion. Supporters of the Mayor flew at the speaker, dragged him from the rostrum and beat him severely. Simultaneously, the entire Assembly was in an uproar, despite the frantic ringing of the Speaker's bell and shouts of "Order!" Glasses, water bottles, and ink-pots were hurled hither and thither and when the police rushed in, and quelled the *melée*, four members were found to be injured, one being rather severely cut on the forehead.

Resort To Law Courts.

Further meetings of the Assembly have been postponed *sine die*, and cases have been filed with the judicial authorities by both sides.—*North-China Daily News.*

A ROBIN HOOD OF SHANTUNG.

BANDIT RELEASES CHILDREN OF COLPORTEUR.

RICH MAN PAYS HEAVILY.

CHOUTSEN, Shan., Dec. 8th.
The kidnapping of two children of a Bible Society colporteur was mentioned in a communication published on November 19th, writes a *North-China Daily News* correspondent. They have been let go safe-free and during the period of captivity were treated kindly. The bandit chief interviewed the father and, after liberating the children, said: "You go on with your preaching and book-selling." It is said that the ransom money paid by the 21 captives from this village amounted to \$30,000, of which \$10,000 were paid by one man who is credited still with having a little left over.

Yesterday, a mild scare was aroused by the report of 200 bandits being within ten miles of Choutsun. A number of soldiers were collected and despatched, with the result that the bandits have gone elsewhere, there being only minor casualties among the soldiers.

Red Spears on Guard.

During a series of tent meetings held seventy miles north-east of Choutsun, guards in the uniform of the "Red Spears" were present every evening, by the desire and courtesy of the village elders. It was a little disconcerting to have one's opening address punctuated by shots fired outside the entrance to the tent at suitable intervals, but afterwards one was reassured when the explanation was proffered.

Gratitude to Foreigners.

The people of this area have not forgotten what was done for them by the International Famine Relief Society when the Yellow River overflowed six years ago. The actual relief was superintended by one or two foreign missionaries and the people think that the benefits were due to them. This emphasis on the personal link, so strong in China, also vividly was illustrated during the European war, when every Chinese thought that he owed his visit to France to the particular foreigner who recruited him. One often is met by the smiling faces of these men, some of whom are in want of a job, and others who have not yet solved the question as to whether the commemorative medal given them by the British Government contains gold or not.

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Mr. F. C. Mow Fung, A.S.P. (R.), having returned to the Colony has resumed command of the Chinese Company as from December 14th.

Training.

The following is the result of the examination in Part II. (knowledge of Police Duties and Regulations) held on Tuesday, December 13th:—

Passed with great Credit:—Constables R.83 Lo Mang Tsai, R.70 F. M. C. Wong, R.72 Marius W. F. Hong, R.77 Pun Hon Yin.

Passed with Credit:—Constable R.75 Ip Ping Chi.

Passed:—Constables R.29 Chan Ping Fan, R.36 Ngan Chi On, R.37 Chow Ching Chiu, R.68 Lam Sam Yuen, R.71 Wong Chun Fik.

INDIAN COMPANY.

Training.

The following is the result of the examination in Part II. (knowledge of Police Duties and Regulations) held on Tuesday, December 13th:—

Passed with Credit:—Constable R.249 Miraj Din.

Passed:—Constable R.244 N. N. Zaveri.

FLYING SQUAD.

Commendation.

Constable R.333 B. C. Randall is commended by the C.S.P. for his promptness in responding to an emergency call on Wednesday, December 14th, 1927.

Equipment.

Every member of the Flying Squad will forthwith return to the Police Reserve Office his shoulder badges and collar numbers and at the same time receive new ones in exchange.

PARADES AND CLASSES.

All parades and instructional classes are suspended until after the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

(Sgd.) G. B. HARTFORD, D.S.P. (R.), Adjutant.

Hong Kong, December 20th, 1927.

WOMEN LAWYERS FOR JAPAN.

HOW THEY ARE EXPECTED TO HELP.

Tokyo, December 2nd.
During the coming session of the Diet, the Ministry of Justice will introduce a measure seeking the approval of Japan's Parliament for women to be admitted to the bar. The project provides that, after April, 1928, the beginning of the new fiscal year, women may become lawyers. It is stated that the growing facilities for the higher education of women and the change in their thoughts regarding their rights have induced the Government to take this step.

The judicial authorities are of the opinion that women will make good lawyers, especially in those cases where the alleged criminals are women, since women lawyers will have more sympathy with, and a better understanding of, the motives of their fellow women. In trials which deal with women's crimes, such as desertion of babies, illegal love, shoplifting, etc., the officials think that women lawyers will be preferable to men, on the ground of their ability to expose with sympathy the motives and circumstances leading to the alleged crime. In juvenile cases, too, it is expected that the law will be better served through the employment of women lawyers.

According to the regulations just framed, women lawyers, when appearing in Court, may wear their usual kimono or foreign clothes, but must wear a black gown over it just as lawyers of the opposite sex do.—*North-China Daily News.*

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WHOLESALE SERVICE.]

Rupee, December 19th.

Paris	124
New York	4.88 7/32
Brussels	34.90
Geneva	25.23
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Milan	39 15/16
Berlin	20.43
Stockholm	18.07 1/2
Copenhagen	18.20
Oslo	18.23 1/2
Vienna	34.57 1/2
Prague	104 1/2
Helsingfors	193 1/2
Madrid	20.25
Lisbon	27 1/16
Athens	268
Bucharest	790
Rio	5 29/32
Buenos Aires	47 1/2
Bombay	1/8 7/8
Shanghai	2 1/4
Hong Kong	2/0 11/18
Yokohama	1/10 23/32
Silver (spot)	26 11/18
Silver (forward)	26 9/18

FORTUNE FOR CHARITY.

LADY MALCOLM'S "SPENDING MONEY" FOR CHILDREN.

Lady Malcolm of Poltalloch, of Barnardiston Hall, Suffolk, left almost the whole of her estate, valued at £53,183, to charities, particularly those helping children and animals.

Among the many institutions that will benefit is the Eveline Hospital for Children, Southwark Bridge-road, which receives £1,000 for a cot and £50 for sending away to a convalescent home 17 children between the May and August following her death.

Her executor is to see these children the day before they go away, and to give each a shilling in her name for spending money. Lady Malcolm left £500 for the payment of dog licenses for poor soldiers. She directed that her motorcars, waggons, broughams, harness, etc., clothes, jewels and furniture should be sold by public auction.

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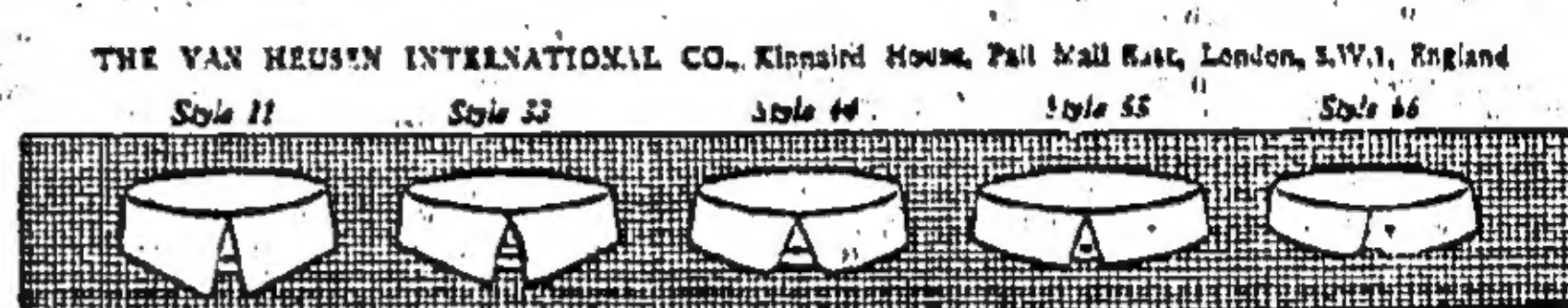
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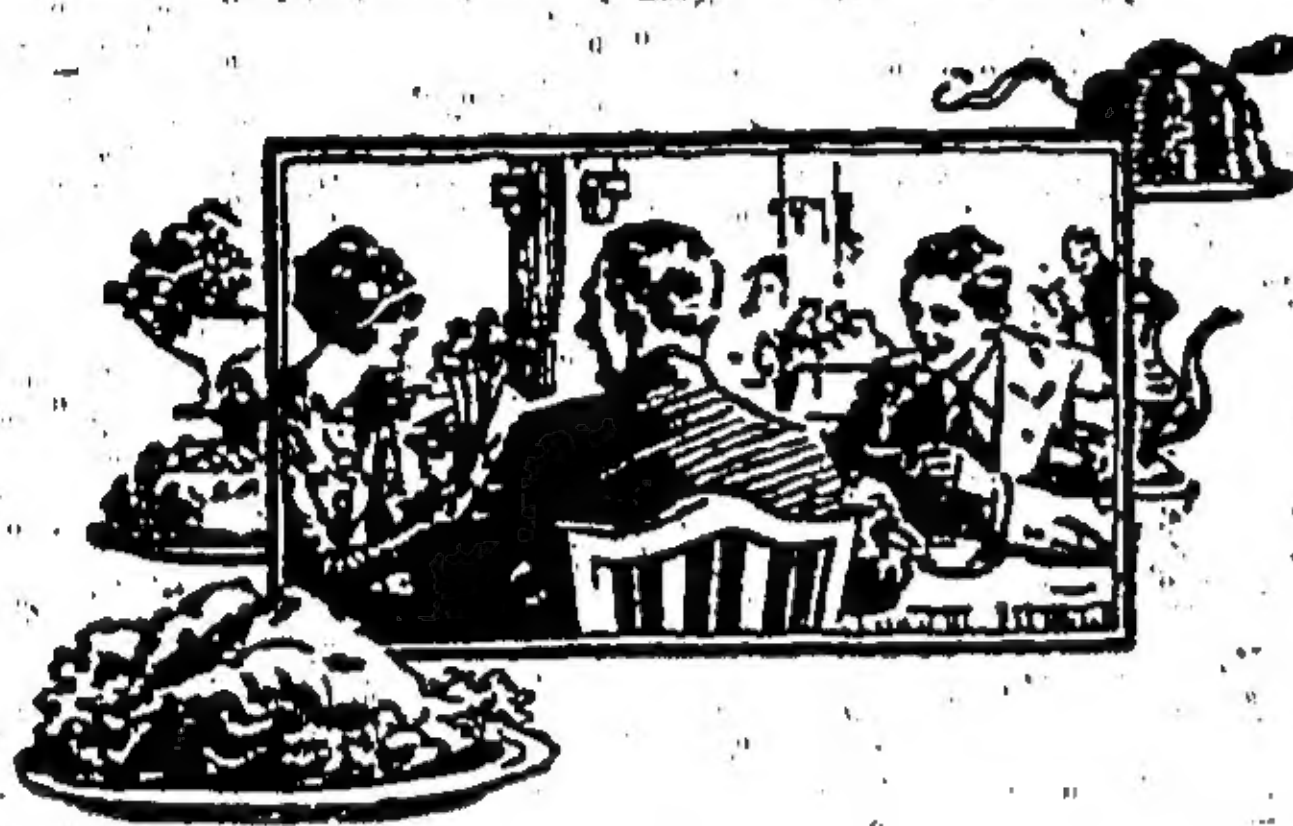
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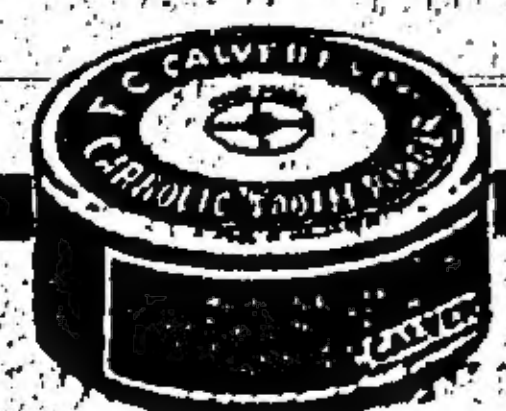
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AGRICULTURE IN NEW TERRITORIES.

U.S. CONSUL-GENERAL'S
TRIBUTE.

AN EXAMPLE OF RACIAL
AMITY.

The films illustrating modern agricultural methods which were recently shown at the New Territories Agricultural Show were exhibited again yesterday at the Club Lusitano before a large gathering. The function was notable for the presence of Mr. R. C. Tredwell, the American Consul-General, who paid a warm tribute to British rule in Hong Kong, and was full of optimism with regard to the future, especially of agriculture in the New Territories.

Among those present were:—Sir and Lady Shou Son Chow, Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Koon Tong, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Kwong, Senhor Cerveira d'Albuquerque e Castro (Portuguese Consul), Madame and Miss Cerveira d'Albuquerque e Castro, M. Luigi de Dionigi (Italian Vice-Consul), His Lordship Bishop Val-torta, Rev. Father Heary, S.J., Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fraser, Mr. W. J. Currie, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hancock.

Mr. C. A. da Rosa, introduced Mr. Tredwell, who presided, and in doing so said that he would like to take this opportunity to extend to him a hearty vote of thanks, not only for so kindly consenting to explain the pictures but also for interesting Messrs. Anderson, Meyer & Co., and thus arranging for the loan of the pictures. They had also in this connection to thank Messrs. Brunner, Mond & Co.

"These pictures," Mr. da Rosa continued, "are of topical interest and have been very favourably commented upon by the press when shown recently at the Agricultural Show in Fanning, and we are extremely glad to have the opportunity to see them to-day."

"The Mutual Advantage Of All."

Mr. Tredwell in addressing the meeting said that in most communities persons were found who take the initiative in directing and stimulating the interest of the public in enterprises which tend to promote the common welfare. "This is especially true of Hong Kong," he continued, "Within the past ten days a group of men and women, well known to us for their earnest endeavours, have most successfully staged the first agricultural show ever held in this Colony. The show was a splendid example of how men and women of different races may combine freely to dedicate their talents and riches to the benefit of those who are tillers of the soil. This may easily and well be extended in other directions to the mutual advantage of all and a finer appreciation of each other's characteristics."

"This Colony is richly dowered with good soil, it is noted for its liberality in trade, its maintenance of law and order, and it has grown and prospered under the administration of a series of able Governors. It should not lose its heritage. I feel that there is no cause for pessimism as to the future of this Colony, especially when it has so many public spirited citizens working diligently for its welfare, and a Governor who is in every way fitted for the responsible administrative position which he holds."

"The task, as I see it, is primarily one of educating the farmer. If successful in this direction the results will extend far. It may sound trite to say that educated citizenship is indispensable to a progressive state. Yet we must remember that a contented and educated farmer has no use for agitators, outlaws, or military leaders who despoil his crops and carry his sons off to fight their battles. The contented and educated farmer learns that life is not only an endurable but an enjoyable thing. Therefore as the farmers of the New Territories prosper as a result of the aid given them both by those who are the promoters of an annual agricultural show and also by a beneficent Government, other farmers across the border will soon come to realize the benefits of a life in a land which is not torn by internal strife." (Applause).

The Club Lusitano were able to show these films through the courtesy of Messrs. Anderson, Meyer & Co. and Messrs. Brunner, Mond & Co. (China), Ltd. The former loaned the pictures "Culling of Chickens" and "The Tractor Farmer" films by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The latter supplied the pictures "The Hook Worm" and "Sericulture" in two parts. The screening was done through the assistance of Mr. H. W. Ray, of the Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd., and Mr. Wei Tat, B.A., provided a clear interpretation of the Chinese titles.

"THE LAST DAYS OF POMPEII."

MAGNIFICENT SPECTACULAR
FILM AT THE WORLD.

ITALIAN SCREEN ART.

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

"The Last Days of Pompeii" for which Bulwer Lytton's novel has served for inspiration, has been produced by an Italian film company.

Like other important Italian films no expense or care has been spared in the making and it can best be described as a stupendous undertaking. The vast canvas peopled by thousands of actors, the amazing reconstruction of Pompeii, and the careful accuracy in dressing, movement and atmosphere, made the more real by photographs of an actual (though minor) eruption of Vesuvius, all contribute to the rather terrible realism of the picture. The Italians have a peculiar genius for these historical and spectacular subjects. "Theodora" although some exception might be taken to the presentation of the characters, was in most respects a film of exceptional merit and "Messalina" which followed it was as good. But all these productions are extraordinarily long and must suffer somewhat by the cutting necessary to show them at one performance. "The Last Days of Pompeii," with its involved story and widely diffused interest, has been hard to compress, but the general excellence of the production makes it very well worth while seeing.

A certain liberty has been taken with historical fact in the scenes of the destruction of the city; the happenings of a week have been compressed into one night of terror. But the atmosphere is good, and the slowly gathering horror, fear, and confusion admirably suggested in a way that would not otherwise have been possible.

Perhaps the most striking aspect of all the big Italian films and indeed those of other European countries, is the general standard of artistic excellence and the absence of vulgarity. No one can deny the skill of Griffiths, and there are people to whom his productions would appeal more, but there is a dignity and restraint which characterises these European films which is quite foreign to say "Intolerance." Another thing which strikes you most forcibly is the absence of "stardom." Certainly the leading roles are played by the most efficient actors, but there is not one person in all that immense canvas who is not playing his or her part as if it were real life, or as if they were the only actor on the stage. You get exactly the impression that you are watching Pompeii as it was; that your eyes wander from house to house, from face to face; that all these people are going about, their business quite unconscious of your gaze or that they are actors in a drama. That is genius in direction which no American seems yet to have arrived at.

The reconstruction of Pompeii has been done with extraordinary care, possibly many scenes were taken at the actual excavations, at all events the effect is exactly as one pictures it when wandering in the deserted streets of that most interesting city. We very heartily recommend "The Last Days of Pompeii" it is not entirely faultless and is in some respects a "firing" film requiring mental agility and close attention, but it is one which you will never forget and which will make the past live again for you as few spectacular films can do.

DUKE OF YORK'S 32ND
BIRTHDAY.

MANY GIFTS OF BOOKS.

THE DUKE'S HOUSEHOLD.

LONDON, Dec. 14th.

The Duke of York, second son of King George and Queen Mary, is celebrating his thirty-second birthday to-day.

Gifts and messages of congratulation from all parts of the British Empire were received by the Duke. Hundreds of birthday greetings were sent from Australia and New Zealand which he visited this year on his cruise, accompanied by his wife, the Duchess of York.

A great number of books, ranging from scientific treatises to best sellers, were also sent the Duke, as he is regarded as the greatest book-lover of the royal family.

Special interest attaches this year to the Duke's birthday celebration because of a recent official centring of interest upon his household, including the beginning of publication of a special court calendar upon his activities.

This is apparently due to the fact that while his elder brother, the Prince of Wales, remains an apparently determined bachelor, the Duke is married and already has one child, although a girl—the little Princess Elizabeth, not yet two years old. As the question of the succession becomes more urgent, so does the Duke come more into the limelight as potential father of a king-to-be.

"ESCAPE."

GALSWORTHY PLAY IN
REAL LIFE.

CONVICT CHARMS HIS
HOSTESS.

New York.

Mr. John Galsworthy's play, "Escape," which is having a great success in New York, was reproduced with remarkable fidelity to detail in actual life.

Francis Sutton, an army officer who lost a leg in the war, escaped in a fog from a convict prison farm near Watertown, precisely as did Galsworthy's hero.

He wandered about the countryside and, after many adventures, climbed up a porch into the bedroom of Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan. The couple awoke to find him, rifle in hand, leaning against the doorway. In the play the convict crawls from beneath a bedstead.

"Now, please, don't be frightened," he said; "I only want clothing and something to eat. My name is Sutton, Francis Sutton. I have escaped from a prison camp near here."

Then, like the hero in the play, Sutton borrowed a razor, shaved himself, and entertained his host and hostess with the story of his escape.

He explained that, in view of his wooden leg, he had difficulty in climbing over the window-sill, and he remarked cheerfully that he had tried to steal a motor-car at a neighbouring house, but, unfortunately, the motor refused to perform.

The Sullivans were fascinated with the man. Something happened then which Galsworthy has failed to use in a play. The convict's rifle, which was standing against the wall, fell and went off.

A Polite Good-Bye.

Mrs. Sullivan faints. Sutton suggested the use of spirits of ammonia to revive her.

When she recovered Sutton bade the couple a polite good-bye and departed.

Some hours later Sutton emerged from some woods which troopers had been scouring in search of him and hailed the driver of a passing motor-car, asking for a lift. The driver proved to be the Deputy-Sheriff, who obligingly drove Sutton back to gaol.

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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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MONDAY, 26th December, 1927.

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SATURDAY, 31st December, 1927.

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LI FOOK LAM PREPARING TO RESIST "UNINVITED TROOPS."

EFFORTS AT CONCILIATION EAGERLY WATCHED.

CITY STILL IN A STATE OF APPREHENSION.

Canton is still trembling at the thought of becoming the fighting ground of the rival militarists of Kwangtung and Kwangsi. General Li Fook Lam is strengthening his forces and states in a proclamation that he will fight to the last against all uninvited troops.

The "Reds" have evidently been suppressed for the time being in Canton, and summary executions have been forbidden, but in the Hoifung and Lukfung districts they are still strong and the Soviet "functioning." General Li is particularly indignant at the excuse of some militarists, that they are coming to free Canton from the Communists.

The people of Canton want peace and care little who gives it them. That accounts for the widespread wish for the return of Li Tsan Hsin, if he would only shake off the Kwangtung connection.

The city remains half stunned by the recent blow. The streets are deserted by nightfall. Officers of river steamers declared that spasmodic firing can still be heard in the City and every vessel leaving for Hong Kong is crowded with refugees. The bankers and merchants are transporting everything they can to Shamen.

RESISTANCE TO "UNINVITED TROOPS."

General Li Fook Lam has again notified all forces approaching Canton that it is now free of "Reds" and that any attack on the City on the excuse that it is a "Red" stronghold will arouse the deepest resentment. General Li announced that he will defend the City against "uninvited" troops.

Following the announced formal withdrawal of Generals Chang Fat Fui and Wong Kie Cheung from the political and military activities of Canton, Mr. Wang Ching Wei has also left Shanghai for Paris by the *a.s. Paul Lerat* which passed Hong Kong on December 20th. Mr. Wang was not seen until just before the boat left. He is in very bad odour just now though, of course, he cannot be held mainly responsible for the admission of "Reds" into Kuomintang. But Mr. Wang, being Chairman of the Kuomintang, is more or less the successor of the late Dr. Sun, and he is at least officially responsible for the misery brought upon the Cantonese.

The "Reds" at present have no power in Canton City, but in the Hoifung and the Lukfung Districts, the "Soviet Government" still exists. Many "Reds" in these districts are still functioning as officials. Some of the non-Red Kuomintang members are in Hong Kong watching for the arrival of "Reds" and doing their best to prevent them from rejoining their comrades in the East River districts.

KWANGSI TROOPS ADVANCING.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Kwangsi troops supporting General Li Tsai Hsin and commanded by General Wong Shu Hung have captured Shihing; but their further advance may be checked by the Kwangtung troops who are concentrating on the Samshui District.

Since December 18th nominally supporting Kwangsi troops, but really supporting Chan Ming Shu, have been marching on Canton from Swatow. The Kwangtung forces are retreating and it looks as if no resistance will be made. There are still, however, some Kwangtung troops at Tsengshin and Sheklung. General Wong Kie Cheung and General Chang Fat Fui have jointly wired the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang at Nanking offering to surrender Canton City to any authority properly designed by the party, and this means that they will not oppose the return of General Chan Ming Shu, who is making Swatow as his present headquarters in Kwangtung. General Chan Ming Shu is said to be in Hong Kong and expects to return to Canton soon. He is now trying to negotiate a settlement which will avert another conflict in Canton.

Meanwhile Canton people are very anxious, fearing that of the militarists fail to come to an agreement it will mean another conflict and a chance for the "Reds" to come back.

Both General Li Fook Lam and General Sit Ngok are strengthening their commands, and they will offer every possible resistance to Wong Shu Hung and the Kwangsi Clique.

SUMMARY EXECUTIONS TO STOP!

During the days following the "Red" upheaval several hundred persons were caught and summarily shot as Communists. Most of them deserved their fate but a good many may have been victims of denunciation by personal enemies. The Military and Police authorities are now doing what they can to check the process of execution after arrest on suspicion. The merchants have been asked, and persons apprehended are now to be accorded a trial. Orders have been issued that trade union leaders are not to enter shops at will make arrests and close

WONG KIE CHEUNG LEAVING FOR EUROPE?

General Wong Kie Cheung, who arrived in Hong Kong last Sunday, boarded the *a.s. Paul Lerat* yesterday before she sailed for Europe, but it was not clear whether or no he was sailing to Europe for good. Possibly he was one of the party going on board to see Mr. Wang Ching Wei off for Europe.

Mr. Wang Ching Wei was very reluctant to say anything.

The last few steamers arriving at Hong Kong brought members of the family of General Li Fook Lam and much heavy luggage.

SOVIET COMPLICITY.

CANTON, December 18th.

A semi-official *communiqué* states that as a result of the Government raid on the Soviet Consulate at Canton, further proof is available that the Communists planned to disturb the peace of neighbouring countries.

Regarding the Communist *group* at Canton, eleven Russians were killed while leading various gangs of Reds in the storming of Police Stations and other Government buildings. One Russian Vice-Consul had a revolver in his hand.

The Consul-General and other members of the Soviet Consulate are now detained pending investigation. Mr. Chu Chao Hsin, Foreign Commissioner, is personally seeing to their safety.

It is understood that Consul-General Boris Volin was formerly the right-hand man of the notorious Petroff who was well-known for his activities in Hankow.

CENTRAL BANK FUNCTIONING AGAIN.

All the vaults of the Government Central Bank have been inspected by members of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and other public societies and found intact. The Bank has been re-opened at the old Provincial Bank buildings and is now functioning normally.

CHANG FAT FUI'S LOYALTY TO CHIANG KAI SHEK.

[CANTON NEWS AGENCY.]

CANTON, December 18th.

A telegram from Chang Fat Fui in reply to one from Chiang Kai Shek, dated December 17th, reads as follows:—

"I had a narrow escape owing to the recent Communist *coup*. Though I was able to regain control of the city, I am quite ready to accept whatever punishment the Party may consider due to me for having failed to check the *coup* before hand. Now, I am dismissed from all Government posts by the order of the Political Council of Canton and am ordered to redeem my guilt by exerting my energy in the reconstruction work. As a member of Kuomintang, I shall, hereafter, work under your directions. I will not rest under the same heaven as the Communists and will try my best to annihilate them up to the last minute of my life. I absolutely obey your orders as stated in the above telegram."

RECRIMINATIONS.

[CANTON NEWS AGENCY.]

CANTON, December 18th.

A joint telegram of the 17th inst. from Mr. Chan Kung Pok and General Chang Fat Fui to Mr. Wu Tse Hui at Shanghai reads as follows:—

"We learned from the newspapers that you have alleged that the recent Communist *coup* was a trick of Mr. Wang Ching Wei. It is very strange that you should still accuse Mr. Wang of being a communist after such a devastation. Perhaps you would like to play a trick that resulted in sacrificing millions of dollars and thousands of lives; but loyal members of Kuomintang are not so cruel as to do that nor even to think of it. We have heard from Shanghai that you received a great amount of money from Li Tsai Hsin for spreading such a rumour and we feel sorry that an aged person like you should be bribed to spread rumours."

REBUILDING OF CANTON.

A POLICY NEEDED.

NOTHING DONE AS YET.

DANGERS OF DRIFTING.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Neither the Canton Political Council nor the Provincial Administrative Commission has announced any practical scheme for relief, and so far very little relief has been accorded to the sufferers. It is feared that after all the meetings and discussions of committees organized for the purpose, nothing will be done.

It was hoped among the more enterprising people in Canton that the merchants of Canton would start a movement, in which Cantonese in Hong Kong and Macao and those further afield would participate, to rebuild those parts of Canton recently destroyed. It was thought that there would be no difficulty in getting the Chinese and foreign banks in South China to co-operate in the under-writing of a large bond issued of say \$50,000,000 for the organization of a building association, to assist property owners in Canton and vicinity to rebuild by advancing money on conditions which would enable repayment by instalments with lowest interest possible and on the security of the lands and buildings being completed.

It was hoped to have a similar scheme for farm tenants whose crops have been destroyed and for farm landlords who have also suffered and cannot finance their tenants.

There is no reason why this should not be done, but it is hoped that a start will be made quickly before much business is finally lost to the city and before the memory of the catastrophe has been dimmed. Beyond the vague phrase "millions of dollars" no estimate of the damage is forthcoming or of the sum needed to rebuild worthily. The danger is that unless steps are taken instead of large and valuable buildings small erections will be put up on valuable sites by petty trades and the commerce and prestige of the city permanently injured.

ANTIDOTE TO BOLSHEVISM.

It is suggested that a large building scheme will give Canton, Hong Kong, Macao and other ports a great deal of trade and will employ many workmen. This reduction of the "idle army" will be the best means of discouraging Bolshevism among the Chinese working and farming classes who hoped to get some sort of material benefit out of Bolshevism. Most of the alleged "Reds" shot during the last few days were coolies who had looted and not "Reds."

The scheme suggested needs the support of merchants, bankers, architects, contractors and builders, but if it is handled wisely there is no reason why a new Canton should not arise like the proverbial phoenix from her present ashes.

CO-OPERATION WITH HONG KONG HANGS FIRE.

Representatives from Canton met committees of the Tung Wah Hospital, the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, and others in Hong Kong who hope to undertake relief work; but nothing very definite has come of the conference, it is said. The Conference has so far failed to give out anything for publication. It is understood that the Hong Kong Authorities are to be consulted before action is taken, at the express desire of local officials, it is said.

It is understood that the Canton representatives have offered no definite programme for relief work, except the old method of selling rice at low cost to the poor; but since the Canton authorities are to appropriate \$300,000 for this purpose, it appears that Hong Kong help is not desired. The Tung Wah Hospital has contributed \$2,000 to the Canton Hong Kong Hospital for work in disposing of corpses, providing heavy cotton coats to the poor, and distributing soup to the hungry.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS.

ARMS IN A PACKING CASE.

The discovery of 40 Smith and Wesson revolvers and 1,039 rounds of ammunition in a packing case carried by two coolies led to a Chinese constable being charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy with unlawful possession of the arms. Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the defence.

The two coolies were also charged with unlawful possession, but later they were discharged and appeared as witnesses against the constable. One of them stated in evidence that he was engaged by the other coolie to carry a packing case, lying in a street near Hollywood Road, to West Point. The box was painted out to him by the other coolie, and another man, who came from a house where the defendant was seen, dressed in police trousers. Witness said that this man, whom he thought was the defendant's brother, was with them while they were carrying the case, but disappeared when the police stopped them. The hearing was adjourned until this afternoon.

FOLLOWING THE "REDS."

"It is the dogs of the populace who embark on such propaganda, and as such you will be treated. For an offence like this committed in times of emergency, the Magistrate has power to order a flogging. That power they will not hesitate to use on scoundrels like you. You will have six months' hard labour and eight strokes of the cat." These words were used by Mr. R. E. Lindsell to a Chinese charged with distributing seditious literature to the public. In passing sentence, the Magistrate observed that although the pamphlet was not violently seditious, it was the first step of a scheme of intimidation following on the occupation of Canton by the so-called "Reds."

CHRISTIE AND BLUMH.

James Christie and Christopher Blumh were brought before Major C. Willson in the morning charged jointly with criminal conspiracy to extort money from the Police Reservist, Mr. Yung, and the case was fixed for hearing on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, for the defence, applied for a reduction in Christie's bail, pointing out that \$1,000 was too heavy when the maximum penalty on the charge was a fine of \$250 or six months' imprisonment. In view of the short remand his Worship decided to reconsider the question of bail after the first hearing on Thursday. The additional charge against Blumh under the passport regulations will also be taken up by Major Willson at the same time. Bail in a similar sum was allowed to stand.

MOTOR BOAT TRAGEDY.

INQUEST ON SIX VICTIMS.

PASSENGERS JUMP OVERBOARD.

An inquest was held, yesterday afternoon, at the Kowloon Magistracy on the bodies of Mrs. Allay and five other victims of the motor boat disaster of November 27th.

A party of Chinese, and their friends, it may be remembered, left the Sai Kung wharf in a motor boat for a picnic at Nam Tau Sha. The engine stopped and caught fire and most of the passengers jumped overboard. A few were rescued by fishing boats or managed to swim to shore, but subsequently several bodies were recovered.

It was stated in the evidence that the boat was licensed to carry fourteen passengers or twenty within the limits of the harbour. The engine had not been much damaged but the woodwork and awning of the boat were destroyed.

The bodies were found at different dates at Nam Tau Sha, Cheung Pak Tau and Nam Wai.

One of the passengers stated that the engine trouble began on the return journey then they were a few hundred yards from the shore. It stopped several times and finally burst into flames. An attempt was made to put out the fire with sacks and Chinese quilts, and when the awning caught fire, the passengers rushed to the stern and jumped overboard.

The inquest was adjourned until December 28th at 2.15 p.m.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.

Cases of notifiable disease reported last week in the Colony were as follows:—

Diphtheria—5 cases (1 Portuguese, 4 Chinese) 2 fatalities. Enteric—3 cases (1 British, 1 porter, 1 Chinese). Cerebro Spinal Fever—1 fatality (Chinese).

Puerperal Fever—1 fatality (Chinese). Influenza—1 fatality.

On Monday one case of enteric (Chinese) was notified.

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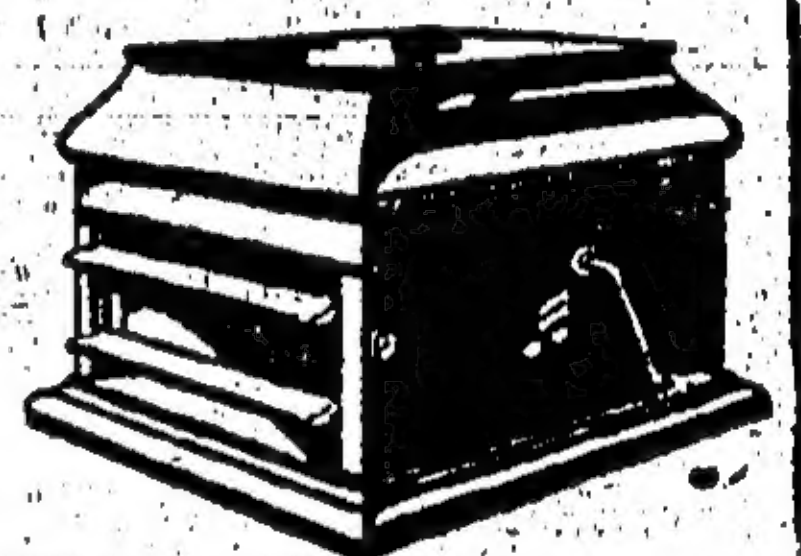
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- "LENIN AND GANDHI." By E. FULOP-MILLER. ... \$15.50
Translated from the German by F. S. FLEET and D. F. TAYLOR.
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CHATER ROAD.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE SOCIETY OF HONG KONG.

THE ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH will be played on the H.K.C.C. Ground (by the Courtesy of the H.K.C.C. Committee) on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22nd**. The Society will be "At Home" to Members and their Friends. Tea will be provided. [5679]

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Hong Kong, 20th December, 1927.

BY ORDER OF THE FIRST MORTGAGEE.

PUBLIC AUCTION

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SITUATE at MONGKOKTSUI in the Dependency of Kowloon and Colony of Hong Kong and registered at the Land Office as THE REMAINING PORTION OF KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 950, Together with the Messuage or Tenement and other Erections and Buildings thereon now known as No. 414, RECLAMATION STREET.
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BY MR. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA, Auctioneer, at the CHINA AUCTION ROOMS, No. 4, DUNDRELL STREET, VICTORIA, HONG KONG.

ON WEDNESDAY,

THE 4TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1928, At 3 o'clock P.M.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, Apply to:—

Messrs. GEO. K. HALL BRUTON & CO., First Mortgagee's Solicitors, St. George's Building, CRATER ROAD, HONG KONG.

Dated the 21st day of December, 1927. [5680]

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

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THE 22ND DAY OF DECEMBER, 1927, At 3 o'clock P.M.

BY MESSRS. LAMBERT BROS., Auctioneers, at their SALES ROOM, No. 8, DUNDRELL STREET, HONG KONG.

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Messrs. LAMBERT BROS., Auctioneers, No. 8, DUNDRELL STREET, Hong Kong, 20th Nov., 1927. [5680]

THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS CO., LTD.

"SPECIAL" AND "FAMILY" MONTHLY TICKETS.

HOLDERS of the above-mentioned Tickets are HEREBY INFORMED that effective JANUARY 1st, 1928, such Tickets will Not be Available.

SPECIAL tickets are those which have hitherto been sold at less than the charge of \$5.00 each.

By Order of the Board of Directors, LAM MING FAN, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 20th Dec., 1927. [5677]

INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE.

BRUNNER, MOND & CO. (CHINA), LTD.

I have TO-DAY resumed Charge of the Company's Interests in South China.

G. F. HASLAM, Divisional Manager, Hong Kong, Dec. 19th, 1927. [5678]

NOTICE.

WE have REMOVED our Office to the NEW P. & O. BUILDING (4th Floor), from 19th of DECEMBER, 1927.

DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & CO., Hong Kong, 17th Dec., 1927. [5671]

NOTICE.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

THE Office of the DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY have been REMOVED to the NEW P. & O. BUILDING (4th Floor), from MONDAY, 19th of DECEMBER, 1927.

DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers, Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, 17th Dec., 1927. [5672]

NOTICE.

TRADESMEN AND OTHERS ARE HEREBY WARNED that, under Section 144, Air Force Act, an Airman cannot be placed under Stoppage of Pay for a Private Debt contracted before or after Enlistment, and all Persons who give Credit to an Airman do so at their Own Risk.

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NOTICE.

MONIES up to \$135,000 are available for Investment on 1st Class Mortgage Security subject to a Trustee's Valuation.

Apply—Messrs. DRACONS, Prince's Building. [5608]

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24th, At 2.15 P.M.

ADMISSION to Public Enclosure, \$1.00. Ladies Free.

Admission to Subscribers' Enclosure on production of Badge only.

Subscribers can introduce Two Ladies Free, and Two Non-members at \$5.00 Each.

Care parked on the Racecourse: \$5.00 Each.

Tickets obtainable from Dr. F. PIERCE GROVE, ALEXANDRA BUILDING.

SPECIAL TRAINS—Return, Fare: 1st Class, \$1.50; 2nd Class, 90 Cents.

Leaves Kowloon 2.00 P.M. SPECIAL EXPRESS Returns 5.41 P.M. Which allows Plenty of Time to prepare for the Xmas Eve Festivities. [5689]

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING: 13th, 14th, 15th & 16th FEBRUARY, 1928.

DEBUT Programmes and Entry Forms are Now Ready and may be obtained at the Race Course, HONG KONG CLUB and CAUSEWAY BAY STABLES. [5653]

ST. GEORGE'S BALL,

6TH JANUARY, 1928.

MEMBERS who have not yet received Particulars of the Ball, may obtain the same upon Application to S. T. BUTLIN, c/o LINDSEY & DAVIS. [5639]

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate No. 5/NS 13017 dated Hong Kong, 7th Sept. 1927, for Ten Shares of this Bank numbered 69180/56159 in the Name of Mr. ARNOLD RUSSELL RIVETT has been LOST or STOLEN, and should this Certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 22nd DECEMBER, 1927, a New Certificate for the Shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 5/NS 13017 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as NULL and VOID.

By Order of the Court of Directors, A. C. EYLES, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 22nd November, 1927. [5656]

KING EDWARD HOTEL.

CHRISTMAS EVE & NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER DANCE.

8.30 P.M. to 12 MIDNIGHT.

\$2.50 PER PERSON.

Booking can now be made at the Hotel.

INTIMATIONS.

ST. GEORGE'S BALL.

6TH JANUARY, 1928.

MEMBERS are requested to send in their Applications for Tickets for the Ball as soon as possible to S. T. BUTLIN, c/o LINDSEY & DAVIS, Englishmen's Club, wishing to join the Society should apply to the above named. [5592]

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HOUSE AND LAND FOR SALE.

ON SHAMHEEN, CANTON, A Completely-Furnished HOUSE with Very Large Godown, Office, Servants' Quarters, Built on a Lot Very Well Located. For further Particulars, Apply to Box No. 5862, c/o Hong Kong Daily Press. [5663]

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TO LET.

A FLAT in HUMPHREYS BUILDINGS, Kowloon. Apply to:—HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD., Alexandra Buildings. [5617]

[5617]

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Particulars, Apply to:—MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO. [5668]

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Apply BANQUE DE L'INDOCHINE, 5, Queen's Road Central. [5620]

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[5635]

TO LET.—From First FEBRUARY, No. 2, KELLETT HOUSE, PEAK, Four Rooms, Flush System, Separate Kitchen, Servants' Quarters, All Modern Conveniences. Apply: DEACONS, PRINCE'S BUILDING. [5686]

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JUST ARRIVED—AMERICAN PEARS—KOON TAI & CO., 24, DES VOUX ROAD CENTRAL. Telephone C. 417. [528]

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ANNOUNCEMENT—HAIR SPECIALS 2 OF "ENTRÉE OF BEAUTY" Miss PARE and Mr. WICKS at HOTEL SAVOR Beauty Parlour. Look your best for the Holidays. Hours: 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. [5677]

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ON SALE.

HONG KONG HANSARD REPORTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for the Session 1926.

Revised by Members.

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INTIMATIONS.

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The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, DECEMBER 21st, 1927

THE CHANCE FOR CANTON.

GENERAL LI FOOK LAM, who took the initiative in re-capturing Canton from the Reds, is withdrawing all his troops from the outlying districts and is concentrating them in the City in order to guard against another upheaval. His great desire is to make the Southern Capital secure and to re-establish confidence so that ordinary commercial activity may be resumed as quickly as possible. He is anxious that it may be known that his influence will be exerted on the side of maintaining law and order.

If Li Fook Lam's troops are withdrawn from the West River General Wong Shui Hong should not find any great obstacle in his path, and his re-entry into the City ought to be comparatively easy. Herein, perhaps, lies the way to a compromise which may put an end to the fears of further Red activity. Li Fook Lam, it is understood, is quite content with the position he has held for so many years as the "uncrowned King of Honan." His ambition does not lead him to aspire to any greater glory. Generals CHANG FAT FU and WONG KIE CHUNG, who were the leaders of the coup by the "Ironclads," have both resigned and their prestige at the moment is not particularly high. If they resigned in fact, as well as by proclamation, there would probably be very little difficulty in arriving at an understanding which would give the militarists

control again without further fighting. The position would then automatically revert to that occupied before General LI TRAI HAIN left on his mission to Shanghai.

We hear that secret meetings are being held in Hong Kong to devise some *modus vivendi* but according to all accounts no very definite plan has been agreed upon. Almost unquestionably the commencement of hostilities between rival military leaders will be the signal for a further revolt by the "Reds." It is to be trusted, therefore, that that signal will not be given.

GEOGRAPHY MADE INTERESTING.

ALL of us realise that it is easy to live in a place for years and yet know so little about it that ignorance has to be confessed about salient points to the inquisitive visitor or the newcomer. A plea is usually entered that there is nothing to take us to such a building or vicinity, but it sounds very unconvincing and the enquirer is plainly unimpressed. There are plenty of things about this most interesting port which one would like to know but which are vaguely elusive when one seeks information. "What tonnage enters this port in a year?" "What ship building facilities have you?" "Are your harbour dues heavy?" are the sort of questions that, for example, a new arrival may very well fire off at an old resident and find that the answers are lacking. A great deal of this kind of knowledge has, however, now been packed into a most interesting pamphlet, "Notes on the Harbour of Hong Kong" by Mr. F. J. DE ROUX, B.Sc., the Headmaster of the Ellis Kadoorie School, and the Rev. N. EVANS, M.A., another member of the Educational Department. At the Ellis Kadoorie School they have long maintained the admirable custom of making geography begin at home. The notes dealing with the Harbour have formed the basis of a good many lessons and have proved very successful. Now they have been collected into pamphlet form, the hope may be expressed that this pamphlet will be generally adopted by the Education Department. The lessons are re-inforced by an occasional organised trip round the harbour itself which is an admirable plan. When boys see with their own eyes what is being taught, the subject becomes alive and interesting, in contrast with the dry rigmarole of facts that often comprise the average school lesson in geography.

The notes collected for the use of masters have been carefully arranged and classified under suitable headings and there are a number of excellent illustrations. It is a pamphlet, therefore, that might be circulated abroad, with advantage, for in these days a little publicity and advertising does no harm. It is good for example for Canada, Australia and South Africa to know that "in 1921 more ships were built in Hong Kong than in those three dominions put together." Also in 1924 "more ships entered and cleared Hong Kong than any other port in the world." The pamphlet is obtainable at local book stores for sixty cents and we understand that a good many shipping and commercial firms have already secured copies.

Yesterday being Settlement day, no quotations were given by the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

Mrs. GRIEGL will distribute the prizes at the annual prize giving at the Victoria British School, this morning, at eleven o'clock.

By means of the well-known bank-note trick, two Chinese succeeded in robbing a woman in Yau-mat of a pair of gold bangles valued at \$45.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending December 3rd amounted to 112,864 tons, and the sales during the period to 91,987 tons.

A Chinese employed as an earth cooler in Morrison Hill was removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to his shoulder, caused by a rock falling on him.

The friends of Mr. E. B. Price, of the staff of the China Mail, will regret to hear that he underwent an urgent operation for appendicitis at the French Hospital yesterday morning.

The Hon. Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Kotewall are holding a reception today at Hutton House, 37, Conduit Road, in celebration of the marriage of their daughter, Esther Mary to Mr. Shiu Kai Le.

The 11th Ordinary General Meeting of the Industrial and Commercial Bank, Ltd., York Building, will be held at 2 p.m. to-day.

The annual meeting of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club will be held to-day at the Old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, at 3.30 p.m.

Mr. A. Sommerfelt, who has been serving with the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., for the past three years, severs his connection with the Society on the 31st instant to take up an appointment with Messrs. Lindstead & Davis.

The manager of the Navy, Army and Air Force Institute at Mount Austin Barracks has reported to the Police the theft from the canteen between 2 and 3 p.m. on Monday of a quantity of cigarettes and some money to the total value of \$45.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Robert Mansergh Woods, accountant, residing at No. 5, Aamar Villa, Austin Road, Kowloon, to Miss Dorothy May Treavish, residing at No. 6, Rue du Barrage, Heliopolis, Cairo, Egypt.

The accountant of the Sam Yuen shop of No. 237, Des Vaux Road Central, has reported to the Police that some time during Monday night a thief broke a glass in the showcase and stole electrical goods to the value of \$48. The theft was discovered when the shop was opened for business yesterday morning.

The robberies, however, overlooked an office coolie who escaped and sought police aid. The robbers had decamped before he again appeared, but the coolie who had freed himself from his bonds, saw two of the prisoners walking in the direction of Sutherland Street. One of the two men was the prisoner. Prisoner gave evidence and said he came from Canton by the last train on the evening in question, went to Mongkok and then to the Western Market in search of his friend, and when he heard a police whistle blown he ran away, and this was the custom in Canton. Prior to running away he was on the way to Causeway Bay in search of a clansman as he had spent all his money.

He was arrested while running. He denied being implicated in the robbery, and alleged that the prosecution witnesses were lying.

Summing-up. His Lordship pointed out that while all the witnesses from the shop identified prisoner, no stolen property or money was found on prisoner when he was arrested.

His Lordship commented that prisoner was arrested by a man who was not a member of the police force (a detective from the Labour Maintenance Bureau) and a man whose duty it appeared was not to arrest people.

After a short retirement the jury found prisoner "guilty."

His Lordship decided to postpone sentence until this morning, when he will also pass sentence in the gold bar robbery case. Other cases will then be proceeded with.

"BAD JOSS."

COMES TRUE FOR PIRATES.

OUTWITTED BY JUNK MASTER.

With the foreigners "13" is a bad number but with the Chinese the number "3" is tabooed. Their belief is that whenever three men or women are gathered together, it is sure to bring bad joss.

This came true in the case of three pirates who had successfully captured a trading junk on Monday afternoon in Po Lo Channel. These three desperadoes boarded the junk and after having everything their own way ordered the junk to steer for Sha U Cheung. While on their way, the master of the junk espied a Police launch, and immediately the man jumped into the water and swam toward the launch. He clambered on board after a long swim and told his story.

The Police launch took up the chase and when the alleged pirates saw they had no chance to escape, they threw their arms overboard and quietly surrendered to the officer of the law. They were taken back to Police Headquarters yesterday.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday evening's weather report, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.03 o'clock, stated:—

The anti-cyclone has weakened further. It is now central over the Yellow Sea. Moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

THE TYPHOON.

The Manila Observatory reports that on December 20th, at 11.30 a.m., a cyclone or typhoon over the Bulu Sea was filling up.

"FRIGHTENED BY POLICE WHISTLE."

PRISONER'S EXCUSE REJECTED.

CONVICTION FOR GANG ROBBERY.

Part of the defence set up by a Chinese charged before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood at the Criminal Sessions yesterday with robbery by two or more, was that when he ran away it was in consequence of hearing a police whistle blown. He did not know the customs of Hong Kong. In Canton they always run away under such circumstances.

The prisoner was charged with robbery at 82, Koshing Street, by six men.

The case was conducted for the Crown by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, and prisoner was undefended, and pleaded "not guilty."

About nine o'clock on the night of November 26th, three men entered the Ming Lee import and export firm premises, and held up the occupants. They were joined by three other men almost immediately.

The shop employees were driven into a rear cubicle where they were bound and gagged. The robbers ransacked the place stealing money and jewellery to the value of over \$3,000. No alarm was given, the robbers leaving when they were satisfied with the haul they had made.

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PRESENTATIONS TO MR. PONSONBY-FANE.

UNIVERSITY'S TRIBUTE.

At the Union ground, Pokfulam, yesterday afternoon, Past and Present students of the University gathered together in recognition of the valuable services and encouragement which Mr. Ponsonby-Fane had given to local University cricket. Much of the credit for the high standard of cricket at the University is due to Mr. Ponsonby-Fane who is a lover of the game and has been a familiar figure in all the cricket grounds locally. He possesses a quality, not easily acquired by the average cricketer, of creating interest in the game wherever he goes, and those who have been fortunate enough to have heard his tales and reminiscences of the game have benefited by his enthusiasm and advice.

The University students have been the most fortunate in this respect. Mr. Ponsonby-Fane has throughout the last twelve years been ready to advise and train any student who shared an aptitude for cricket.

During the tea interval, past and present students presented him with 6 jade buttons and a cricket bat, and Dr. Osman in a speech referred to him as a man who never spared himself to save his side.

Mr. Ponsonby-Fane came to Hong Kong, said Dr. Osman, spied the madness of the land, weeded out the thistles, and planted flowers where they would grow. The result was the present University team and its enthusiasm for cricket. (Applause.)

Another Presentation.

Mr. B. P. Ng, who was secretary of the University Cricket Club from 1924-1926 and President of the Union in 1925, was presented with a cricket bat and a University Crest.

BRIGHTER PROSPECTS AS TO KUOMINTANG CONFERENCE.

CHIANG KAI SHEK ARRANGING THE GATHERING.
HU HAN MIN AND OTHER "CONSERVATIVES"
EXPECTED TO BE PRESENT.

CAPTURE OF HSUCHOW RELEASES SOUTHERN
FORCES TO HELP SHANSI.

FENG YU HSIANG OFFERS TO SEND
50,000 TROOPS.

Marshal Chiang Kai Shek, now evidently once again firmly in the Kuomintang executive saddle, is busy arranging to bring about the long-looked-for to Fourth Kuomintang Conference. The prospects for its realisation are reported by the vernacular Press as being now much more hopeful than they have been for a long time past. Even more strange is the statement that Mr. Hu Han Min and other "conservative" members of the Party will probably participate, which step the withdrawal of Mr. Wang Ching Wei should facilitate.

The Southern forces, and particularly those of Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang appear to be in a better position at present than they have been for some time past to render help to the Shansi forces in their struggle with the Fengtients. Marshal Feng reports that he is in a position to despatch 50,000 troops for this purpose. Should he be able to do so, a very different aspect would very probably soon be evident in the Chihli campaign.

HANKOW EXECUTIONS.
BOTH MEN AND WOMEN.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

HANKOW, Dec. 19th.
Many anti-Communist raids have been taking place, troops searching the native city for "Reds".
A large number of men and women were summarily executed yesterday.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

More Executions.
HANKOW, December 19th.
Fifteen Chinese, including five girls, were executed yesterday on a charge of Communism. Among them were Li Hsin Chin and Tsou Dah Pei, ex-members of the Provincial Government. It is stated that numerous executions will take place during the week as a number of Communists, detained by the military, have already been tried and sentenced to death.

What The "Daily Telegraph"

Thinks.

LONDON, Dec. 19th.
The "Daily Telegraph," in the course of a leading article dealing with "the complete and final collapse of Bolshevism policy in China," remarks that now the Kuomintang has so effectively shown itself as one with Marshal Chiang Kai Shek in opposing Communism, the elements of a political reconciliation in China might seem to be present, but this would leave out of account the main factor in the Nationalists' situation, namely, its dominance by the personal rivalry of greedy and unscrupulous militarists.
Nevertheless, the clearing out of Bolshevism may open the way for a Nationalist approach to a more reasonable attitude towards British and other trading interests.

YANGTSZE PIRATES.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 19th.
The Chinese authorities have not taken any measures to combat the bandits and pirates who are very active between Shansi and Chinglin, and the British naval authorities have instructed the gunboats to commence operations against them.
A regular patrol is being maintained, and to-day one of the gunboats captured a pirate tug. Unfortunately the bandit gang succeeded in getting ashore and escaping inland before the tug fell into British hands.
The pirates are so daring that a convoy of lighters being escorted by a British gunboat was subjected to an attack from the river bank by a large gang. The gunboat opened fire with her main armament and dispersed them.

WUHU'S LABOUR AGITATORS.
UNSATISFACTORY SITUATION.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

WUHU, Dec. 19th.
Labour agitators are very active and the situation is most unsatisfactory. Recent developments indicate the almost certain prospect of a general strike to commence very shortly, and it is reported as likely that it will commence tomorrow.

UNSETTLED SHANGHAI.
NO SIGNS OF A GENERAL STRIKE.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 19th.
Fears that the general strike threatened would start to-day (Monday) did not materialise, and there is at present no change in the general situation. At the moment no signs have appeared of a break in the tramway strike.
On the request of the Municipal authorities, the Soviet Consulate staff is making arrangements for departure. It is expected that the Soviet Consul-General will leave on December 21st or 22nd.

LARGE SCALE GUN-RUNNING.

A DISCOVERY AT KOBE.

50,000 SMUGGLED REVOLVERS
AND AMMUNITION.

ALL FOR CHINA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

OSAKA, December 19th.
Large scale gun-running has just been discovered at Kobe. According to Press reports it appears that about 50,000 revolvers and ammunition have been smuggled from Germany and Belgium during the past 18 months by 54 Japanese who have now been arrested.
The arms were re-smuggled out to China, to an amount aggregating 5,000,000 yen.

RUSSIA'S SPIES.

LATVIANS ARRESTED.
MONEY SUPPLIED BY MOSCOW.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RIGA, December 20th.
The police have arrested 17 Latvians charged with membership of an espionage organisation to supply Russia with comprehensive military information.
Those arrested are largely supplied with money, and some have admitted that it has been provided by Moscow authorities.

THE VALUE OF MR.
AMERY'S TOUR.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 20th.
Mr. Amery, the Colonial Secretary, who is making a tour of the Dominion, has left Auckland, New Zealand, for Canada.
The New Zealand Premier, Mr. Coates, emphasises the value of Amery's visit in assuring the continuance of a close and sympathetic outlook between the British and the Dominions' Government.

CAPTAIN LALOR'S RESCUE.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THE REV. FORBES TOCHER.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 19th.
The British Government has instructed Sir Miles Lampson, its representative at Peking, to express to the Rev. Forbes Tocher its admiration and appreciation of his action which has attended his persevering and courageous efforts for the release of Captain Lalor.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 20th.
In the House of Commons, Sir A. Chamberlain paid a tribute to the Rev. Forbes Tocher's action in dealing with Capt. Lalor's captors, observing that Mr. Tocher's "fearless determination and perseverance in very difficult conditions were beyond all praise."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Capt. Lalor progressing.
HANKOW, December 19th.
Capt. Lalor continues to make satisfactory progress.

LANCASHIRE COTTON SPINNING.

CHAOS IN THE INDUSTRY.

POLICY OF CURTAILMENT ADVISED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 19th.
The state of the Lancashire cotton spinning industry is brought to the attention of Directors of mills spinning American yarns by a circular of the Cotton Yarn Association.

The circular says that six weeks have passed since the Association, by removing the restrictions upon price and production, allowed unrestrained competition to play havoc with the trade. Margins had fallen so far that it was now impossible to sell yarn for ordinary trade at a price showing a profit in any mill, however favourably financed.

This situation contrasted with the favourable position during the operation of the Association's policy of curtailment, which proved that standard prices were maintainable and the present losses unnecessary.

The circular says that the Association is prepared to end the present chaos immediately if the support of those who hitherto have hindered its efforts is forthcoming. It is not prepared, however, to allow non-members to improve their position at its expense. The losses incurred by selling yarn to-day can be removed immediately they are prepared to co-operate with their fellow spinners. Failure to act means that they are on the way to bankruptcy.

SEAPLANE SPEED RECORDS.

BRITISH ATTEMPT TO FLY OVER 300 MILES AN HOUR.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 20th.
Early in the New Year a British seaplane will attempt to establish a new speed record by flying over 300 miles an hour. A Supermarine Napier craft will be used over a measured course of three kilometres. The present record is 293.4 miles hourly and to establish a new record involved exceeding this speed by five miles an hour on the average of two flights—one with and one against the wind.

The present Tandu-aeroplane speed record of 278 miles an hour, set up in 1924, was unofficially beaten by Flight-Lieutenant Webster during the Schneider Trophy race when he averaged 291.669 miles an hour over a triangular course and set up a new 100 kilometres' record of 283 miles, 1,555 yards an hour.

THE DEAD SEA CONCESSIONS.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS AND OFFICIAL ANSWERS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 19th.
In the House of Commons the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies was asked whether, in view of the great values and extensive interests concerned in the Dead Sea concession, the Government would take measures for forming an independent British company on the lines of a chartered company for working out this concession.
Mr. W. G. Ormsby-Gore replied that, in view of the terms of the mandate for Palestine, and the Covenant of the League of Nations, it was not practicable to adopt the suggestion.

Asked whether there was any possibility of the Dead Sea salts being handed over to German interests, Mr. Ormsby-Gore replied that in the negotiations an endeavour was being made to arrange that any concessionaire selling outside Palestine should not enter into an agreement with any one of three big monopolies without the concurrence of the Government. But it was very difficult to sell an article of that kind in the world's market without some form of agreement with existing organisations.

Asked if the concessionaires were not supported almost entirely by British capital, Mr. W. G. Ormsby-Gore said that he understood that they were supported by quite independent capital not in any way connected with any of the present potash concerns.

A further question was put as to when Mr. Novomeysky formally applied for the concession and what were his qualifications?
Mr. Ormsby-Gore replied that Mr. Novomeysky made his first formal application to the High Commissioner for Palestine, who reported it to the Secretary of State for the Colonies in July, 1921. The High Commissioner also reported that Mr. Novomeysky had since 1911 been working on the question of the extraction of salts from the waters of the Dead Sea. He understood that Mr. Novomeysky was a member of the Institute of Mining and Metallurgy as well as being scientifically qualified.
Asked if Mr. Novomeysky had ever been an official in Soviet Russia, Mr. Ormsby-Gore answered that he was not even aware that Mr. Novomeysky had any Russian connections whatever. He understood that his parents were Polish, but he was a Palestinian, and he was not aware that he had any Russian connections since he went to Palestine.

SOVIET'S CONGRESS.

THE EXPULSION OF OPPOSITION MEMBERS.

NEW DEVELOPMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MOSCOW, Dec. 19th.
At the Communist Congress a new statement was subsequently submitted by the Opposition signed by Kamenev, Zinoviev, and other expelled members, in which they confessed the error of their ways and declared their willingness completely and unconditionally to acquiesce in the Congress's decisions.

The Congress rejected the statement, but agreed to re-admit the members of the Opposition on application in six months if they fulfilled their pledges.

BRITAIN'S SEVERE WEATHER.

A SOUTH-COAST BLIZZARD.

SKATING PROCEEDING.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 20th.
Severe wintry weather continues throughout Britain, and the South Coast last night experienced a blizzard.

In London the weather is clear and sunny but for the fifth succeeding day the temperature is well below freezing point. Skating is proceeding in many parts of the country and snow covers the Midland and Northern Shires.

The forecast is for a continuance of the present conditions over Christmas.

SALVAGE OF "S.4" DELAYED.

PERILOUS POSITION OF THE CREW.

OXYGEN GETTING SHORT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

PROVINCE TOWN, Dec. 19th.
Operations for the rescue of the crew of the submarine S.4 are at a standstill owing to a gale.

LATER.
The perilous position of the men in the submarine S.4 is indicated by a message tapped out by means of a hammer on the hull of the submarine, and picked up by the rescuers in the afternoon. The message stated that the survivors had enough oxygen to last till six in the evening, and asked that oxygen and emergency food be sent down through the torpedo tubes.
Rough weather made an immediate response to the plea impossible. According to submarine experts it is impossible that any of the crew should survive after to-morrow night.

Broadcast Request For Nation's Prayers.

NEW YORK, December 20th.

In obedience to a broadcast request the whole nation simultaneously bowed in prayer for the safety of the men alive on the S.4.
Three big pontoons have arrived on the spot and are awaiting the subsidence of the seas.
The New Yorker, Mr. Anthony Griffin, in the House of Representatives drew attention to the lack in the United States and Britain of up-to-date submarine salvage appliances such as exists in Germany and which saved the lives of the crew of a submarine recently sunk in the Kiel Canal.
Signallers tapping the hull of the S.4 have secured the names of the men still living.

CABLE AND WIRELESS COMMUNICATION.

CONFERENCE WITH THE DOMINIONS.

STATEMENT BY POSTMASTER GENERAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 19th.
Replying to a question in the House of Commons, the Postmaster General stated that the Government had invited the Dominion Governments and the Government of India to nominate representatives to attend a conference on cable and wireless communication, to be held as soon as was practicable.
Asked whether the object of the Conference was to avoid competition and keep up prices or to secure competition and bring down prices, Sir William Mitchell-Thomson replied that the object was to examine questions of vital interest to the Governments concerned. To a question as to whether wireless companies would be invited, Sir William replied that the conference was between Governments.

GERMAN TRADE DISPUTE.

METALWORKERS REJECT ARBITRATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ESSEN, Dec. 19th.
The Socialist Metalworkers' Union, the biggest in Germany, has rejected the arbitrators' decision in the iron and steel dispute.

BIG REPAYMENT TO BANK OF FRANCE.

M. POINCARÉ'S STATEMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Dec. 19th.
During a discussion of the Budget in the Senate, M. Poincaré announced that the Treasury would reimburse the Bank of France to the extent of one billion francs by the end of December.

THE REVISED PRAYER BOOK.

FULL CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS HELD.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 20th.
The impasse created by the rejection in the House of Commons of the Prayer Book measure was considered yesterday at a full conference of bishops.

Many suggestions have been advanced for overcoming the present difficulty and a feature common to most of them is a desire to rule out disestablishment and to maintain substantially the balance of the deposited book on which the Commons cast an adverse vote.

Newspapers state that minor amendments of the proposed new Prayer Book were yesterday considered that might have the effect of conciliating some of the opposition without destroying unity that had after great efforts been secured among men of different schools of thought. In view of the seriousness of the issues involved it is probable that only an interim statement will be issued this week by the bishops.

BEAM SERVICES.

THE MARCONI SHORT WAVE IN OPERATION.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 19th.
Marconi shortwave beam services are now in operation between Britain and New York, Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires. The New York beam service augments the longwave services which have been in operation for some years. The South American beam services are entirely new and place Brazil and Argentina in direct wireless communication with London for the first time. They operate both to and from Rio de Janeiro but at present Buenos Aires has no beam service so that while messages are sent from London by beam to Buenos Aires there is no beam in the reverse direction. Two way beam service on this route will be completed shortly.

EAST-AFRICAN COMMISSION.

STARTS ON ITS MISSION.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 19th.
Sir Hilton Young, Chairman of the East African Commission, leaves London to-day for East Africa. After visiting Geneva on League business he will travel to East Africa by Cairo and Khartoum, being joined on the way by Sir Reginald Munt, Mr. Oldman and Sir George Schuster, other members of the Commission. They will begin work in Uganda in the middle of January and then go on to Kenya, Zanzibar, Tanganyika, Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia, returning through Southern Rhodesia and the Cape.

THE CASE OF JOHN HARVEY.

AGAIN MENTIONED IN THE COMMONS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 19th.
In the House of Commons the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Sir A. Chamberlain) was asked if his attention had been called to a statement that John Harvey, of Cardiff, who was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment for deserting from the Foreign Legion and had been released by the French Government on the appeal of the British Government, was to be sent back to the Legion to complete his term of service.
Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that, according to his information, the statement referred to was incorrect. Harvey would be released from his military obligations as soon as the usual formalities in connection with his discharge had been completed.

Sir A. Chamberlain again expressed the thanks of the British Government to the French Government for this act of courtesy, and said: "I may add that an Englishman who voluntarily joins a Foreign Legion under another jurisdiction cannot expect that his Government can interfere."

BRITAIN AND IRAK.

NEW TREATY SIGNED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 19th.
In the House of Commons the Prime Minister announced that a new treaty had been signed on behalf of His Majesty's Government with Iraq, and it was proposed to lay the text before Parliament tomorrow (Tuesday).

BRITAIN'S OVERSEAS TRADE.

INTERESTING STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF TRADE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 20th.
During the debate on unemployment in the House of Commons last night, the President of the Board of Trade, Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister, referred to the November figures for Overseas Trade, which showed an increase of 16 per cent. in the value of British trade compared with November two years ago. That meant an improvement of about twenty-five per cent. in exports, which was equal to the average month of 1913. There was now less shipping laid up than at almost any time in the past. The adverse trade balance had also been considerably reduced during the past month.

Dealing with the outlook in industry generally, he said there was a better understanding and greater mutual confidence.

In the foreign field the Government had designed its policy to help trade.

In regard to Russia, that country sold to us in the first three months after the breach more than it sold three months before the breach. If the Russians were free to sell, they were also free to buy. There was no lack of facility to do so.

SCHNEIDER CUP.

STATEMENT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 19th.
Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary for Air, was asked in the House of Commons about the action to be taken by the Air Ministry to retain the Schneider Cup next year.

He said that there had been general agreement in aeronautical circles for some considerable time past that it was not in the best interests of naval aviation that the contest for the Schneider trophy should be held each year, as the time was insufficient to secure progress in the design of marine aircraft. Provided that other countries took that view no contest would be held in 1928. The United States, French, and German authorities had been consulted informally, and were understood to be in favour of that view. In discussing this question with the Italian authorities he had made it clear that Great Britain was prepared to compete next year if other countries concerned desired the contest. No effort would be spared to secure another victory.

FRANCO-AMERICAN TREATY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, December 20th.
Mr. Kellogg has transmitted the text of the treaty outlawing war between France and America submitted for Foreign Office examination.

"ROCKING MOON."

PICTURESQUE FILM AT QUEEN'S.

The programme which opened at the Queen's Theatre yesterday, and concludes to-day is a very entertaining one.

"There is an excellent Pathe British Gazette, which is very interesting on this occasion and some of its features include the opening of the Quora Hunt with the Prince of Wales present, the unemployed Miners' March to London, and the Lord Mayor's Show. There is also a highly amusing "Our Gang" comedy, which is even better than usual.

"Rocking Moon" is the feature picture, and this is especially pleasing, apart from its story, for the many Alaskan scenes depicted. The story is quite an entertaining one, and the principal roles, Sasha, Gary and Nash are exceedingly well portrayed by Lilyan Tashman, John Bowers and Rockliffe Fellowes. It is interesting to note that the chief steward of the s.s. "Admiral Rodgers," the ship which conveyed the artists to Alaska, and which is shown in the picture, is at present in Hong Kong, and yesterday he called at the Queen's Theatre and mentioned this fact.

To-morrow (Thursday) and until Saturday "The Chinese Parrot," based on the sensational mystery novel by Earl Derr Biggers, will be screened. It is a Universal Jewel picture, the cast being headed by Marion Nixon. Early booking is advised in view of the great success with which this film has met elsewhere where it has been exhibited.

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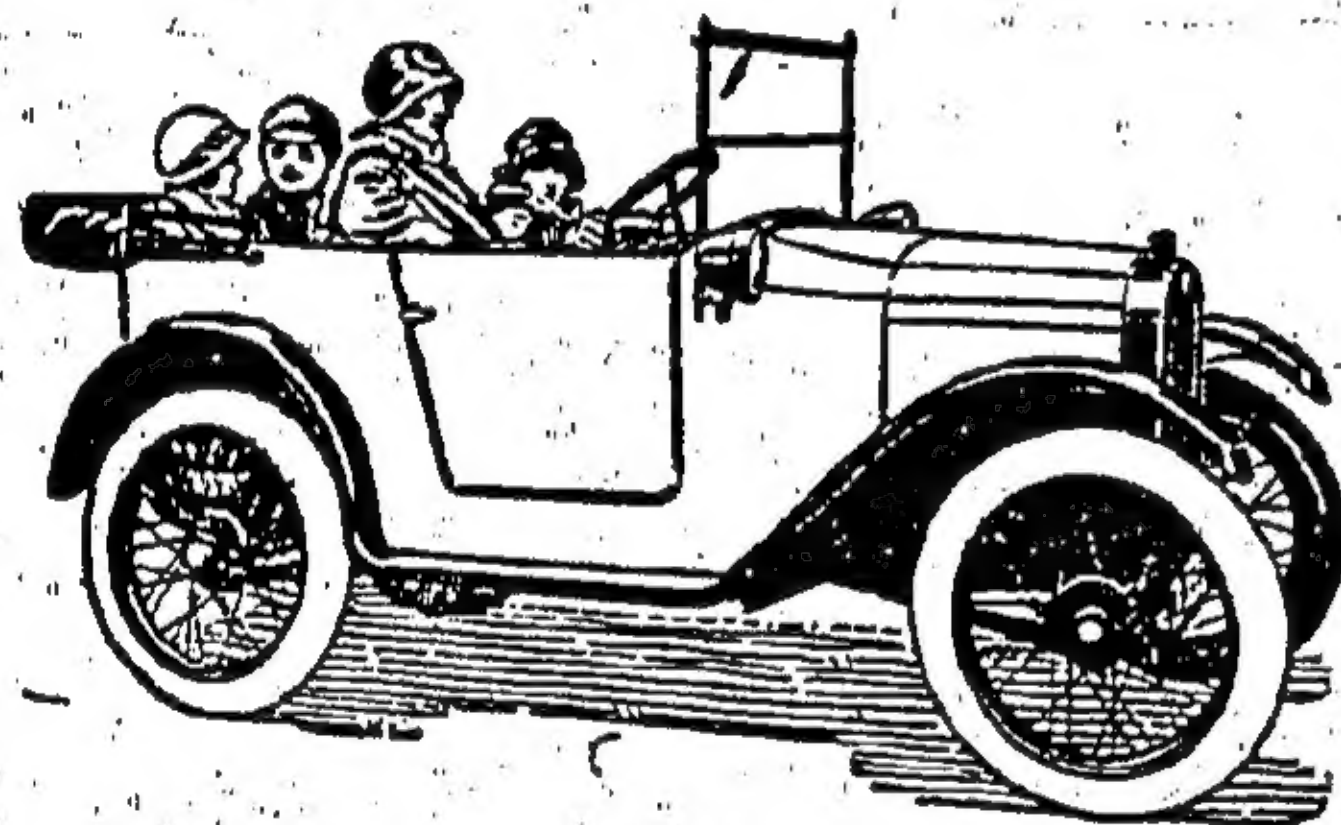
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HONG KONG'S A.A.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

COMMANDER HARTFORD
EXPLAINS.

In his speech at the A.A. Dinner last week, the President, Comdr. Hartford, R.N., raised a number of points of interest to local motorists. The A.A., both at home and here, is a most unselfish body, for a great deal of its work is quite as much to the benefit of non-members as members. The President's speech showed this, and we should like to emphasize his plea for more members.

Membership of this Association is a perpetual insurance of the car driver from accident and annoyance, and of the car from excessive wear and tear. The A.A. pays its benefits in the shape of better roads, patrols, and assistance in difficulties. Non-members gain the advantages of better roads of necessity, while the invariable courtesy of patrols at times brings them other advantages to which they are not entitled, but this doctrine of something for nothing must, if carried to its logical conclusion, defeat its own ends, and anyhow it is poor spirited to cling to something for nothing, when for very little the car owner can get so many more benefits.

The register of chauffeurs, of which the President also spoke, is an excellent scheme. An unprincipled chauffeur can cheat his master in many ways which are very hard to detect, and many a man pays for petrol and oil which never goes into the car, and for "joy rides" taken when his back is turned.

Commander Hartford, in his general review of the activities of the Automobile Association in Hong Kong, said the first question is "What does the Automobile Association do?" He would answer that with another question "What doesn't it do?"

"The Association," he remarked, "does a considerable amount of work that is never published, and is never brought to the notice of members and the public. It is in close connection with both the Government and the Police Force and so gets opportunities of arranging things far more speedily than if all negotiations had to pass through strictly official channels." For instance, when an officer of the Association strikes a bad pot hole, he rings up the P.W.D. and they come and fill it in.

"There are now 600 members of the Association, but there is room for more. All car owners should join, there is no reason why they should not, as it is very cheap. Also, members of the A.A. get a reduction of 10 per cent. on insurance, and this in itself practically pays the subscription. I should really like to stress the fact," continued Comdr. Hartford, "that all the benefits which motorists here enjoy to-day are due to the Association. Apart from these special terms of insurance which I have just mentioned, there are several other quite obvious benefits. The A.A. provides its members with free legal assistance, and even the most careful motorist may find himself in need of that. Also, another very useful thing, we keep a register of chauffeurs, and if any member requires a chauffeur and will engage him through this method, he can be certain that he will get a first class man. Then again the handbook of the Association is frequently revised and every effort is made to keep it up to date and full of useful information.

"The A.A. patrols have now been working for a year, and the result has been most satisfactory. In the past petty thefts were very frequent, but since the organization of these patrols petty thieving has vanished."

"There is just one thing I would like to ask members in passing. If you are selling your car and don't want the A.A. badge for another car, please don't leave it on the car, but take it off and return it to the A.A. Otherwise the badge goes with your old car, and we get people driving about with A.A. badges who are not members of the Association at all."

Comdr. Hartford paid a warm tribute to the very hard-working secretary of the Association, Mr. Updell. Nothing, he said, seemed to be too much trouble for him, and he had been unsparing of himself, both in his time and his energies, in advancing the interests of the A.A. The Association was in a very satisfactory state at the present time, and this position of affairs was due more than to anyone else to Mr. Updell.

MOTOR NOTES.

THE KING'S CARS OF STATE.

Having expressed his approval of the Daimler "Double Six" engine, the King has commanded Messrs. Stratton-Instone, Ltd., to instruct the Daimler Company, Ltd., to fit the cars of state each with V-type, silent-sliding, steel sleeve-valve, twelve-cylinder power plant of this sort, which is being built at Coventry.

GHOST DRIVERS.

London taxicab drivers on night duty are keeping a sharp look-out for "ghost drivers" who at any moment may spirit away their cabs.

These "ghost drivers" are men who steal taxicabs and for a few hours ply for hire in the streets, later abandoning the vehicles. It is believed the stolen cabs are sometimes used for carrying out burglaries.

A taxicab-driver told a *Daily Mail* reporter how his cab was stolen from King's Cross for six hours, and was recovered by the police in Chancery-lane, E.C., at 8 a.m. He said:

"All the petrol had been consumed, and the clock showed that the 'ghost driver' had driven for 37 miles. Of course, I do not know if he pined for hire or if the cab was used for criminal purposes, as they only dare drive the stolen cab for a short while because of the great risk of detection."

AUSTRIA TO ADOPT RIGHT-HAND SYSTEM.

Austria has adopted the right-hand system of traffic regulation. It is estimated that the cost of changing traffic laws from left to right will be about \$2,000,000, and it is expected that the system will be fully installed by 1930.

IRELAND'S SMOOTH HIGHWAYS.

Another Irish legend has been shelved, according to a report received by the National Automobile Club.

That legend which relates how Ireland is an impenetrable and impassable land has been given the lie. Expenditure of huge sums of money on roads has linked up practically every resort in the country by smooth, steam-rolled roads. The network of the roads penetrates into the very heart of hitherto inaccessible regions, and motoring is fast becoming a popular pastime for the Irish.

NEW MODELS FROM BIRMINGHAM.

Among the "new comers," making their first appearance at the Show were two new 172 c.c. Lightweights, manufactured by the James Cycle Co., Ltd., of Birmingham. Known respectively as the "Standard" and "Super Sports" models, each is fitted with a Villiers two-stroke engine. The "Standard" machine has been produced as a utility and economy model, and is marketed at a very low figure, but, at the same time, its equipment is particularly full, including Terry saddle, D-section mudguards, large tool bag on the seat tube, adjustable handlebars, grease-gun lubrication and adjustable footrests.

The principle change in the well known 500 c.c. James model lies in the altered frame design, with a smartly finished saddle tank. The gate type gear change, too, has been revised and is now more conveniently placed. Webb spring forks are employed incorporating large diameter shock absorbers which are readily adjustable for friction. Another refinement is the exceedingly neat and efficient steering damper which adds greatly to the ease of steering on rough surfaces or when a sidecar is attached.

This particular model has won a most enviable reputation for consistent reliability in national and international competitions during the last four years.

TEXAN FARMERS LEAD.

Farmers of Texas own more automobiles than those of other states, the rural registration shows. They own 282,000 motor cars and 23,000 motor trucks.

A WIDE RANGE OF ENFIELD MACHINES.

Among the wide range covered by the 14 Royal Enfield models, the new 2.25 h.p. four-stroke machine with 3 speed gear, gate change control, saddle tank and spring seat saddle is interesting. It has been introduced for the benefit of riders who prefer small four-strokes to two-strokes.

Another new model, in the 350 c.c. range is the Sports O. H. V. This has an entirely new frame to that of the standard O. H. V. machine, giving a still lower saddle position. Stronger valve springs, high compression piston and a larger carburettor are fitted, resulting in a further 10 to 12 m.h.p. over the speed of the standard type.

The 9.75 h.p. Sports model Enfield has been entirely redesigned, the new frame providing a much lower saddle position and incorporating a new saddle tank. On this machine an Enfield four-speed gearbox is employed with gate change control in a forward position on the petrol tank. The silencing system includes a separate exhaust pipe to each cylinder lying side by side on the off-side of the machine. Wide front forks and a steering damper are employed on this model.

LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE T.T. RACES.

As winners of two Tourist Trophy Races in the last two years H.R.D. machines attracted considerable attention at Olympia. The makers, whose works are at Wolverhampton, have now announced large price reductions in all 1928 models, which have been rendered possible by a considerably increased output.

The full range includes 350 c.c. and 500 c.c. models. Of the former the "Model 90" has a double port racing J.A.P. engine, Webb forks with adjustable shock dampers and steering damper incorporated. Its approximate solo road speed is 90 m.p.h. Six inch brakes are fitted, front and rear.

There are four models in the 500 c.c. class of which perhaps the most interesting is the "Super 90," capable of the road speed of 90/100 m.p.h. This is a well deserved favourite among lovers of speed. It has a specially designed duplex loop frame as a result of T.T. experience, in which the head is fitted with Timken taper roller bearings. Seven inch diameter brakes are employed, the rear drum being provided with cooling fins. Racing knee-grips are fitted to the saddle tank, and a very useful feature is the arrangement of a route card holder on the top of the tank.

COMFORT FOR THE PASSENGER.

Among the sidecars on the H.R.D. stand was a very attractive model known as the "Launce Sports." This has a best shaped fabric covered body giving an aluminium appearance. The "Special Sports Model" has a roomy rear locker and luggage carrier.

The new "Divan" sidecar body brought out by Rudge Whitworth is a very high class production. It is equipped with either cellulose or fabric finish and the curved back and sloping seat give the comfort of an armchair. Good luggage accommodation is provided in a locker, which may be reached without disturbing the passenger, a point which will be greatly appreciated, especially in bad weather.

Mention of Rudge Whitworth recalls the World Tour of Messrs. Glandfield and Sparkes. An interesting commentary on the importance of accessories is to be found in the fact that when he left Australia en route for U.S.A. by sea, Sparkes was still using the original K.L.G. plugs which had functioned so successfully from the very start of his run.

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AN AUSTIN FOR SEVEN.

FOLLY OF OVERLOADING.

SOME POINTS OF THE 1928 MODEL.

Austin Sevens seem to be gaining in popularity, not only in Hong Kong, but all over the world. At home one sees them on every road, and their sales are growing increasingly large in the Colonies. Now we hear that the company are opening works in the United States, in order to build there and avoid the almost prohibitive duty on the imported British car.

A car as small as this is severely tested on the hills of Hong Kong, but it seems fully capable of all it is asked to do, and sometimes of a good deal more than it is meant to do. A few days ago one of these cars passed through the town with seven up, "one for each horse-power," running without any apparent difficulty. Still it is obviously bad policy to overload and strain a car in this way, and an Austin Seven should never be made to carry more than three grown up persons except in an emergency.

The bent and lengthened gear lever of the 1928 model Austin will be greatly appreciated by owners of this car, as will the slightly greater leg room. Both these items

add greatly to the comfort of the driver.

A BRITISH CAR IN A HOT COUNTRY.

At one time doubts were expressed as to the ability of British Motor Manufacturers to build cars capable of performing satisfactorily under the arduous conditions of the tropics.

That however is no longer the case, and an interesting proof of what the up-to-date British car will do in such circumstances is found in the following extract from a letter to Rootes Ltd. of Devonshire House, Piccadilly, London, W., world exporters of the car in question, from the private owner of a Hillman Fourteen who uses it in Tanganyika Territory, Central Africa.

"I have done my first long 'Safari' on her, 2500 miles, from Kilosa to Newala and back. She is the first car ever to have done this trip. The stiffer the hills became and the deeper the sand the more she seemed to rise to the occasion. She did not boil once in the whole journey. One hill in particular was approximately an 8-mile pull. No car had previously gone up this without boiling. I have proved that it is the finest engine one could possibly have for a really hot country."

This British firm has seriously studied motoring conditions overseas, and, as the above shows, has lost no time in modifying its design so as to make it suitable for tropical use.

THE MOTOR-CAR HABIT.

VAST EXTENSION.

PRICES AND TYPES.

[BY JOHN PRIOTEAU.]

The news that the Ford factory is about to produce a new car to take the place of the old and deservedly famous "Lizzie" is a fresh reminder of the near approach of the day when this country will have as high a proportion of cars per head of population as any other.

Whether the new Ford will turn out to be a type of car likely to sell in large numbers in this country remains to be seen, but the announcement of its arrival is a sign of the times. With Austin and Morris alone said to be producing something like 100,000 new cars for next year, the majority of which will probably be sold at home, the marketing in large quantities of a car from a factory like Ford's is significant. It is evident that manufacturers on this scale have decided views on the question of the saturation point. They cannot see it very close as yet.

The choice of cars, or rather I should say the range of prices, is so enormous, and the differences between each price so small, that the battered old phrase, "A car for every purse," rings truer than it has ever done before. We are not yet told at what price the new Ford will be sold, but at home we are making cars which are thoroughly practical machines from £150 upwards. Only last week a preliminary announcement was made of a new type to be built in this country at that price. It is not only, however, due to the wide range of prices and the lowness of these at the bottom of the scale that more and more people are buying cars, and more in consequence considering taking the plunge, but also to the now almost universal system of really easy payments, extended over a number of years.

Not only is there now no reason why nearly everyone should not own a car, but the choice of types is so wide that, within reasonable limits, the would-be motorist who is least blessed with wealth can choose his car from a range which only three years ago would have seemed impossible. For less than £200 he can have saloons and coupes, and even a form of what is known as the Sunlight saloon. A number of these were shown at Olympia, and, to my mind, it was one of the most remarkable features of that show. It is only a short time ago that anyone who was buying a really cheap car was compelled to put up with something in the open tourer line, with more often than not, extremely scanty protection from the weather. Remarkable progress has been made in coach-building, and one of the most useful results of this new production of light, cheap closed bodywork.

Not only has the once expensive saloon and other forms of closed cars become attainable by practically every buyer, but for those to whom the mechanical side makes a real appeal, there is a wonderful choice of types of engines. The six-cylinder light engine of from twelve to fifteen horse-power is rapidly increasing in popularity, and a number of old-established firms are producing it for prices which would have been undreamt of three years ago. I do not say that for this reason a small six-cylinder engine is necessarily better than a well-tryed light four-cylinder. Before the new type becomes worthy of being called universal, I fancy it will have to go through considerable modifications in certain examples. While one welcomes the appearance of the really cheap six-cylinder car because it is a sign of the coming universality, to coin a word, of the motor-car, it means that while there is any amount of quantity, the question of quality is beginning to receive proper attention.

It is notoriously more difficult to build a successful small six-cylinder than a successful four-cylinder, and the fact that so many makers are entering this highly competitive market shows not only that they have the courage of their convictions, but that they are willing to risk their good name.

The eight-cylinder engine is still some way from being what is called popular. I have no doubt, however, that before very long it will rival the six-cylinder, and that within two or three years it will be possible to buy a decently made, well-proved car of this type for a price not far removed from that charged for the cheap six-cylinder to-day.

Apart from the immense choice of cars which can be reasonably considered by the modest buyer, one of the most encouraging signs of the times is the all-round excellence of the cars themselves. So long as cars are made it will always be possible to find faults in their design or construction, but the conscientious critic undoubtedly finds it more difficult year by year to discover anything serious in either direction.

NEW FORD IN MANILA.

SELECTIVE TRANSMISSION, FOUR WHEEL BRAKES.

UNUSUAL SPEED FEATURED.

A new Ford car with selective transmission four-wheel brakes and unusual speed will be seen on Manila streets soon, according to an announcement made last night by the Manila Trading and Supply Company.

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FIJIAN TAXI-CABS.

PROGRESS IN ISLANDS OF HAPPINESS.

Canadian money is to play an important part in a new meat-packing industry in the Fiji Islands, where there is a law insisting that all enterprises must have a certain percentage of British capital.

One of the chief officials of Suva, who has been holiday-making here, tells me that progress in the islands is rapid. As yet there are no railways, but there are over 300 taxi-cabs and privately owned cars, 60 per cent. of which are of British or Canadian manufacture.

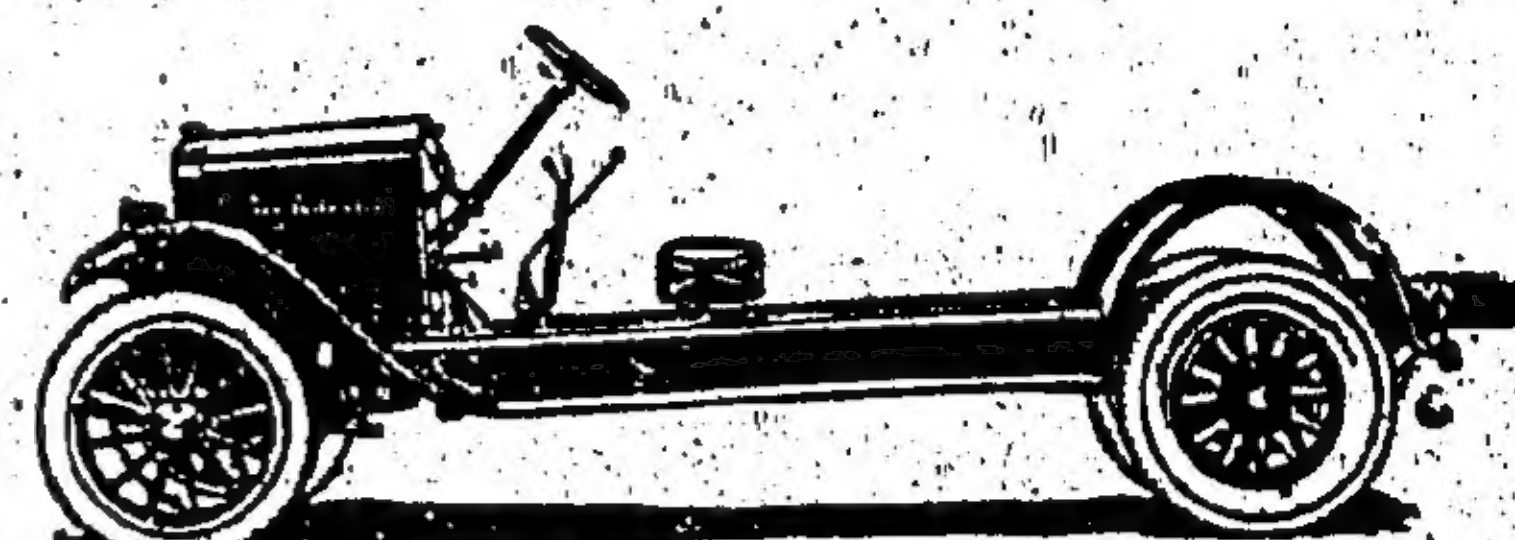
"There is not the least semblance of disloyalty," stated my informant, "the entire group of islands is wholeheartedly British, although there are only 5,000 Englishmen in the islands, as compared with 84,000 Fijian natives and 73,000 natives of the East Indies."

He describes the islanders as the happiest people in the world. Unfortunately, tuberculosis is spreading, and some people account for this by blaming the law which compels natives to clothe when they come to town.

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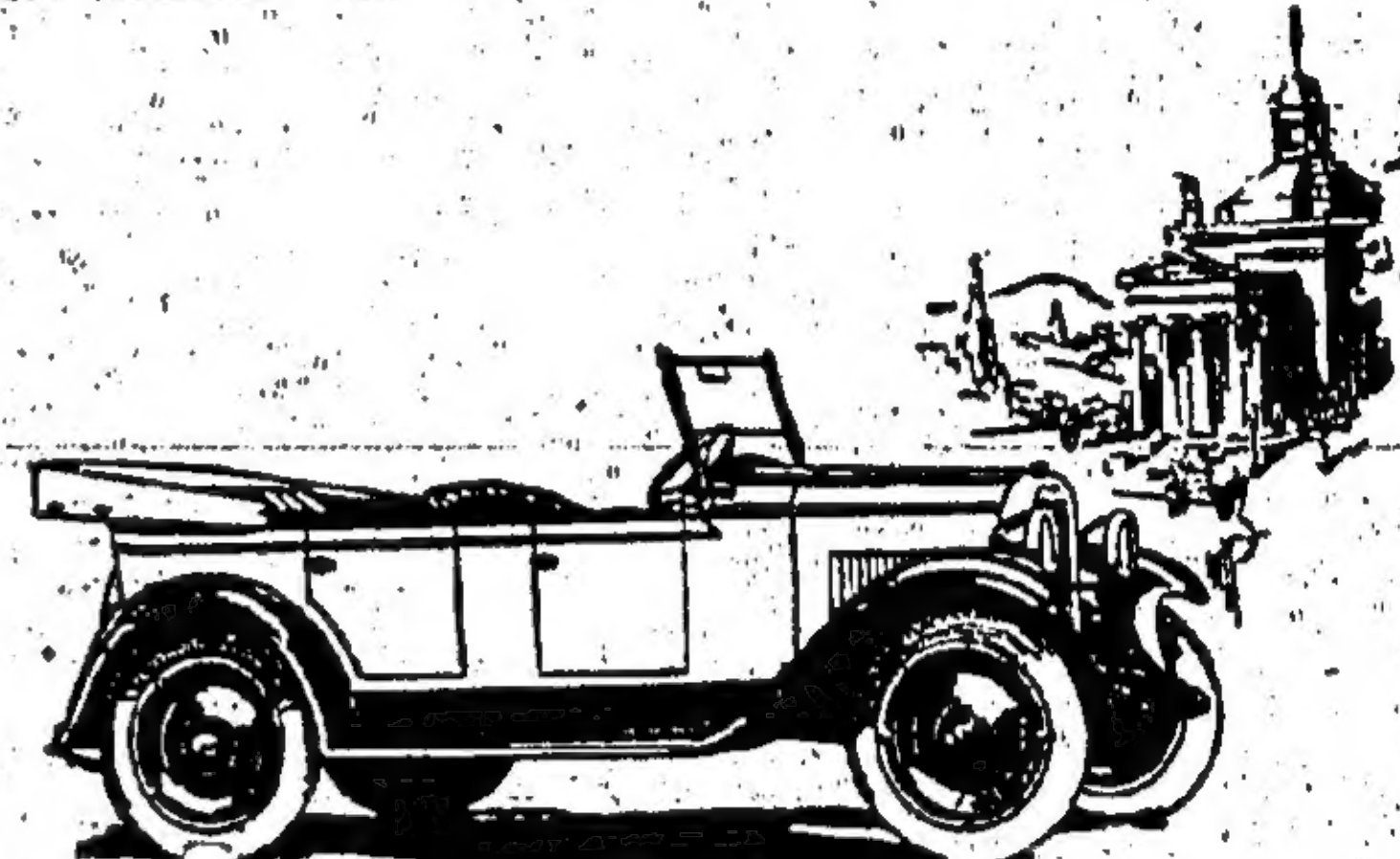


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THE CAUTIONING OF PRISONERS.

STATEMENT REJECTED BECAUSE RULES WERE NOT FOLLOWED.

JUDGE'S DECISION IN MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.

The question as to whether a prisoner's statement, made at the Central Police Station before he had not been cautioned, could be admitted as evidence or not, was raised by Mr. F. C. Jenkin when he defended a Chinese, charged at the Criminal Sessions yesterday with manslaughter.

Mr. Jenkin submitted that the Rules governing the questioning of persons in custody, as to cautioning them before putting questions had not been followed in the first instance in this case. Considerable argument followed, and ultimately His Lordship the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) decided to reject the statement holding that according to the evidence it had not been made voluntarily.

The case was one in which a Chinese was charged with the manslaughter of a Dairy Farm coolie, who, it was alleged, was pushed into the harbour following a fight on the Praya in the early hours of the morning by three men, who attacked him.

Interesting evidence was given at the morning hearing by Dr. A. Cannon, medical officer in charge of Victoria Mortuary, who expressed the opinion that opium smoking tends to preserve a body after death.

Mr. H. S. Fitzroy conducted the case for the Crown and Mr. F. C. Jenkin appeared on behalf of the prisoner.

The case was heard before Sir Henry Gollan (the Chief Justice). Prisoner Pleaded Not Guilty.

In his address to the jury, Mr. Fitzroy stated that the prisoner was one of three men who were alleged to have attacked the deceased man in the early hours of the morning of November 18th.

Medical Evidence.

Dr. Cannon, stated that the primary cause of death was drowning. He found no marks of violence on the body.

Mr. Jenkin—If there had been any marks of violence when the man fell into the water, they would have still been there when you examined the body!—Yes.

Li Sing, a cargo coolie stated that he was loading cargo on the Shokki junk when he observed a fight going on under the verandah on the other side of the road.

One man was being attacked by three and he was knocked down close to the Praya edge. The men rolled him over and deliberately forced him into the water. He sank immediately and never again appeared on the surface.

Mr. Fitzroy: Did all three take part in the pushing?—Yes.

The Prisoner's Statement.

An interpreter who interpreted between the prisoner and Inspector Lane said that he did not caution the prisoner and that the man's replies were not read over to him, and that he was not invited to sign them.

Detective Inspector Lane was then called, and he said he was called to the charge room at 2 a.m. on November 18th, where he saw the prisoner. The prisoner was taken out of the dock when questioned. Witness had not received information from other witnesses.

Replying to Mr. Fitzroy, Inspector Lane denied that any inducement was made to the prisoner in regard to the statement.

Replying to Mr. Jenkin, witness said one of the questions he asked was "What is all this about?"

Arising out of this evidence, Mr. Jenkin submitted that this part of the evidence (the admission of prisoner's statement in reply to questions) was contrary to the established rules, which although they did not have the force of law were regarded as sound principles governing the admission or rejection of such evidence. They were first promulgated in 1912.

Rule No. 3 stated: "Persons in custody should not be questioned without the usual caution being first administered."

The 8th Rule states: "Any statement made in accordance with the above rules should whenever possible be taken down in writing and signed by the person making them after it has been read to him and he has been cautioned to make any corrections he may wish."

Continuing, Mr. Jenkin said that the Crown must show strong grounds for the admission of any statement which ran counter to the spirit of those rules. These rules had been more or less adopted by eminent judges.

Need For Observing The Rule Argued.

The Chief Justice interposed: "I should not regard that very much if I was satisfied with the bona fides of the witness. I agree that it is much the better course to follow. The man should be put on alert first as to what is being done to him. He should not be trapped or impeded. Rule 9 is more or less a matter of procedure which is admirable, but it does not to my mind occupy the important position that Rule 3 does."

Mr. Jenkin respectfully agreed and advanced the argument that in Hong Kong where in 1899 cases out of 100, the prisoner speaks a foreign tongue, this rule is even more important than in England. Mr. Jenkin added that he made no attack upon Inspector Lane in this case. Inspector Lane was a busy man with a great deal of crime to investigate. He was called into the charge room at two o'clock in the morning, but in point of fact he did not caution the prisoner. He

(Mr. Jenkin) put it that the Chief Justice should exercise his discretion in favour of the prisoner. It would have been fair, leaving the caution out of the matter, if Inspector Lane had imparted to the prisoner some idea of the matter on which he was being interrogated.

The Chief Justice remarked that none of the rules said that, and Mr. Jenkin agreed.

The Chief Justice continued that quite apart from the question of a caution was there nothing inherently unfair for a police officer to say to a man who had been arrested, "well, what is this all about?"

Mr. Jenkin replied that a man might be arrested by a police officer as a suspected snatcher, and the man himself knowing he had committed a grievous offence might admit to committing murder.

The Chief Justice said: "You don't mean to say a trap was laid? What you mean to suggest is that in this case there was a misunderstanding and it might have drawn a fatal answer from the accused?"

Mr. Jenkin: Yes, My Lord.

The Chief Justice commented that it was not the duty of the police to tell the prisoner what they knew.

Mr. Jenkin replied that the point had never been raised so far as he knew. It did seem to him, however, that it would have been fair to have given the prisoner some indication of the matter on which he was being questioned.

The Chief Justice went on to say that it was a very serious question as to whether the statement was voluntary under the circumstances.

Mr. Fitzroy argued that the Rules were not law. A voluntary statement meant to say that it was not made through either fear or inducement, or by any inducement held out by any person in authority. Unless those points were infringed there was no reason why the statement should not be accepted.

The Chief Justice asked why he should ignore Rule 3 in this case. The statement had been taken under circumstances offending against that Rule. "I have a sense of caution," His Lordship continued, "and I should not depart from this Rule which is supported by very many legal personalities, and one which absolutely governs this case."

Mr. Fitzroy having replied the Chief Justice said, it was quite clear that the answers to the question raised must be left to the discretion of the Judge. The authorities were by no means clear but the Rules were clearly a recognised procedure and certain of them had been agreed upon by the Judges in England as to the proper course to follow when a person was questioned.

"For The Notice Of Everyone."

These Rules were perfectly easily followed and in this particular case there was no reason why they should not have been strictly enforced, and he thought it was for the notice of everyone, the Crown as well as persons charged, that Rules should be strictly adhered to. It was possible for circumstances to arise in which it might be impossible to follow these Rules, but where it was easy to follow them he proposed, so long as he was sitting in that Court, to insist upon their being carefully applied. He was afraid he must reject the evidence in this instance.

Inspector Lane was recalled to the witness box, and the Chief Justice said to him: "I hope you will bring them (the Rules) to the attention of your superiors and that instruction will be given to all police officers strictly to abide by them. You will find they are easily carried out and will be a great advantage if they are carried out. I don't for one moment assert that you did anything improper, or unfair, but I have decided that justice would have been better served by the procedure laid down by eminent authorities for their being strictly enforced."

Another Interpreter was then called.

and when prisoner was charged with manslaughter, he replied: "I did not murder him." The case for the Crown was then closed, and His Worship adjourned further hearing of the case until this morning.

PEAK SCHOOL PRIZE-GIVING.

DANCES AND NURSERY RHYMES.

AND A CHRISTMAS PLAY.

The end of term Prize Giving of the Peak School was held yesterday at the Peak Club. Actually it was far more than a mere prize-giving, a large number of parents and friends being treated to a Recitation, a Christmas Play, Dances, and Nursery Rhymes.

After a short recitation to open the proceedings, a Christmas Fairy Play in several scenes followed. This was prettily acted with a complete lack of embarrassment on the part of the tiny principals. Next came two really graceful little dances by members of Class 6, the second of which we especially liked.

The Nursery Rhymes, there were about sixteen in all, were sung by Shiona MacKichan, and acted by members of Classes 9 and 10. Out of a big box, possessing undoubtedly magical properties, appeared such divers creatures as Little Miss Muffet and the Spider, the Three Blind Mice, Jack and Jill and Four and Twenty Blackbirds. The ensemble was full of pretty colours.

Among the enthusiastic audience were Mr. A. E. Wood, Rev. E. Pearce, Rev. Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, Col. and Mrs. Halsey Bell, Rev. H. Copley Moyle, Mr. and Mrs. Hornell, and Rev. and Mrs. Featherstone.

The Headmistress' report of the year, read by Mr. Ralphs, ran as follows:

Report For 1927.

ATTENDANCE.—The school year began on January 10th with 62 pupils and closed on December 22nd with 63 pupils. In April there was a large exodus of children to England and America. The numbers thus decreased in the summer term but by autumn the School was again well filled. The average attendance for the year is 51.

HEALTH.—The School has been visited from time to time by Dr. Minett and the pupils thoroughly examined. Very few reports of defects were made and with the exception of a few cases of measles in spring the School has been quite free of illness. Owing to the measles cases we closed school three days earlier at Easter to have it painted. These three days were made up by closing school later for the summer vacation.

STAFF.—There have been no changes in the staff save in the visiting Gymnasium Mistress. Miss Dyer went on leave and was replaced by Miss Jaques early in the year. Thanks to Miss Jaques the children now have organised games and net ball which they greatly enjoy.

WORK.—During the year good work has been done in all classes, and the examination results have proved satisfactory. Fifteen children were presented for the Royal Drawing Society Examination in June, with the following results: Honours 4, Passes 8.

Regarding the prize list, I would like to say that all the tiny children get a prize, which makes the rewards seem large in proportion to the number of pupils.

I would like to thank the Rev. Mr. Copley Moyle for so kindly helping us every Wednesday. We shall miss him and we wish him every happiness at Home.

Thanks are due to each member of the staff and to Mrs. Griffin who very kindly played the piano for us last week when one member of the staff was ill.

Mr. Ralphs then called upon Lady Stewart Taylor, who had consented to give away the prizes in the absence of Lady Clementi through indisposition.

The Prize List.

Class 10.—Sis Holstede, Ann Marcel, Geoffrey Brearley, David Cook, Paul Holstede, Beverleigh Bultitude, Erica de Rome, Dorita Breakspear, John Wood, Patricia Tod, Mary Frances Wallace, Dick Bell, George Syme Thomson, Daphne Griffin, Marthe Cuvillier, Jacqueline Hargreaves, Browne, Jimmie MacKenzie and Tony Evers.

Class 9.—Division 1: Peter Cornaby, 1st prize; Anne Cooke, 2nd prize. Division 2: Alison Kinghorn, 1st prize; Wendy Remington, 2nd prize.

Class 8.—Malloch Stark, 1st prize; John Mitchell, 1st prize; Richard Cassidy, 2nd prize.

Class 7. (Preparatory).—Audrey Jackson, 1st prize; Kathleen Wolfe, 2nd prize.

Class 6.—Senior Division: Marion Lane, 1st prize; Muriel Gubbay, 2nd prize; Betty Mitchell, special prize. Junior Division: Nancy Hornell, 1st prize; Shiona MacKichan, 2nd prize.

ROYAL DRAWING SOCIETY CERTIFICATES.

Division 1.—Honours Certificate: Marion Lane, Joan Frank, Shiona MacKichan. Pass Certificate: Betty Mitchell, Nancy Hornell, Cecily Clementi, Dione Clementi.

Preparatory Division.—Honours Certificate: Audrey Jackson. Pass Certificate: Doreen Hynes, Kathleen Wright, Oskar Bizer, Helen Lindsell.

The proceedings ended with three cheers for Lady Stewart Taylor, three more for Christmas, God Save the King, and lots of excitement on the part of everybody.

CRICKET.

FAREWELL MATCH AT UNIVERSITY.

A match between University past and present students was played at the Union ground, Pokfulam, yesterday afternoon. Mr. Ponsonby-Fane, who is soon leaving the Colony, captained a side composed of twelve selected players against a corresponding team captained by Mr. B. P. Ng, President of the Union in 1923. The former team won by 6 wickets. During the tea interval a presentation was made to Mr. Ponsonby-Fane, a fuller account of which is published elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. Ng's team batted first and were dismissed for 140 runs of which the captain contributed 43. Lam, one of the opposing bowlers, was in fine form with the ball taking 8 wickets for 62 runs. Mr. Ponsonby-Fane's team passed their opponents' total for the loss of 5 wickets. The Rumpjahn brothers were top scorers for the side, A. A. retreating with 46 and A. H. scored 30.

Scores:—

Mr. B. P. Ng's XII.

S. V. Gittins, b Hiptoola 31
E. A. Lee, b Lam 1
S. Kermali, l.b.w., b Lam 0
J. Barrow, b Lam 0
B. P. Ng, l.b.w., b Hiptoola 43
M. B. Osman, b Lam 4
A. F. Guterres, b Lam 10
B. F. Sudan, st. Ponsonby-Fane, b A. A. Rumpjahn 6
Y. C. Teh, b Lam 27
A. Baker, hit wicket, b Lam 0
A. Aziz, not out 7
H. T. M. Barma, b Lam 0
Extras 11
Total 140

Bowling: C. W. Lam took 8 wickets for 62 runs.

Mr. Ponsonby-Fane's XII.

A. H. Rumpjahn, b S. V. Gittins 30
D. Laling, c Guterres, b E. Lee 0
F. Zimmerman, run out 36
A. A. Rumpjahn, retired 46
A. Chan Fook, b Baker 21
W. H. Sling, not out 1
Extras 17
Total (for 5 wickets) 131

C. W. Lam, F. H. Traves, G. E. Yeh, F. Hiptoola, A. B. Suleiman, and Ponsonby-Fane did not bat.

ARMY CRICKET.

KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION.

R.A.S.C. v. R.A.

In the third round of the Army knock-out competition, the R.A.S.C. played a draw with the 31st Heavy Battery, R.A., on the Chinese Recreation Club ground yesterday. The teams will have to meet again, the winners qualifying for the semi-final.

The R.A.S.C. batted first and scored 140 runs for 9 wickets, Staff Sgt. Wilkinson being top scorer with 31. The Royal Artillery replied with 99 runs for the loss of 6 wickets when stumps were drawn. Gar. Whittington, who contributed 25 runs, hit 13 in the first over.

Scores:—

R.A.S.C.

S.Q.M.S. Moss, b Leech 8
Capt. Drysdale, b Gifford 0
S. Sgt. Wood, c Hall, b Gifford 0
Capt. Morris, c Hole, b Leech 24
S.Q.M.S. Newberry, c Leech, b Hole 24
Pte. Lyons, c Sandall, b Leech 11
S.Q.M.S. Glenay, c Haynes, b Leech 10
L/Cpl. Tibbs, b Gifford 14
S. Sgt. Wilkinson, b Trimm 31
L/Cpl. Fennell, not out 7
L/Cpl. McIntyre, not out 4
Extras 6
Total 143

Bowling Analysis.

Sgt. Gifford 13 3 50 3
Sgt. Leech 15 0 43 4
Bdr. Hole 3 0 14 1
Bdr. Palford 3 1 7 0
Bdr. Haynes 2 0 9 0
Bdr. Trimm 3 0 14 1

31st Hvy. Bty., R.A.

Gar. Whittington, c Moss, b Newberry 25
L/Bdr. Haynes, run out 11
Sgt. Leech, c Fennell, b Wood 12
Bdr. Hole, b Newberry 19
Lieut. Hall, b Newberry 26
Sgt. Gifford, b Drysdale 9
Bdr. Palford, not out 3
Bdr. Trimm, not out 2
Extras 2
Total (for 6 wickets) 99

Gns. Sandall, Philpote and Davy did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

Newberry 14 0 25 3
Wood 5 2 23 1
Morris 5 0 23 0
Drysdale 3 0 17 1

FRIENDLY MATCH.

R.A.M.C. BEAT R.A.O.C.

In a friendly match played on the Indian Recreation Club ground yesterday, the R.A.M.C. beat the R.A.O.C. easily by 193 runs to 51.

R.A.M.C.

Pte. Bird, b Hale 70
Pte. Osborne, c Greenaway, b Hale 6
Pte. Tiernan, c Gilbert, b Burger 0
S. Sgt. Sims, c Bryant, b Burger 0
S. Sgt. Taylor, hit wicket, b Hale 2
Pte. Johnson, c Greenaway, b Burger 6
Pte. Shepherd, run out 31
Pte. Barnes, c Greenaway, b Butterfield 0
Corpl. Lees, st. b Hale 0
Pte. Waters, c Bryant, b Hale 7
Pte. Snowd, not out 0
Extras 3
Total 123

Bowling Analysis.

Burger 6 1 27 3
Hale 13 2 1 54 5
Bryant 4 0 23 0
Butterfield 6 1 17 1
* Bowled 2 wickets.

R.A.O.C.

Q.M.S. Butterfield, c Sims, b Bird 0
S/Sgt. Greenaway, b Tiernan 9
L/Cpl. Burger, b Johnson 11
Hale, b Tiernan 9
Clarke, c Taylor, b Tiernan 0
Roberts, c Sims, b Bird 21
S/Sgt. Gilbert, c Sims, b Bird 1
Bryant, b Bird 0
Moorcock, c Shepherd, b Bird 0
Morris, b Barnes 0
Corpl. Hunt, not out 0
Extras 9
Total 51

Bowling Analysis.

Bird 10 7 9 5
Tiernan 8 2 29 3
Johnstone 4 3 12 1
Barnes 3 1 2 1

FANLING HUNT.

STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

The Christmas handicap as rearranged is as follows:—Ma Kou Siac 170, Wild Fellow 170, Easter Day 160, The Gomeril 160, Mowgli 162, Chin Shan 160, Humdinger 158, James Figg 158, Blotting Paper 156, Lock Rannock 155, Deerhound 153, More Better 153, Loongwa 148, Taree 148, Min River 147, Racehorse 147, Honeycomb 147, Bill Brewer 147, Red Leaves 146, Alhambra 145, Tarzan 145.

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BOGEY POOL.

The result of the Bogey Pool at Farling on December 17th-18th was:

A. B. Raworth 2 up
Other scores:
F. A. Redmond 3 down
J. L. Shellshear 3 down
Eleven cards were taken out.

GOLF BY NIGHT.

SAVE US FROM THE ENTHUSIAST!

The announcement that a luminous paint has been discovered for golf balls, and that all-night golf is upon us is not likely to raise any very great enthusiasm among golfers. To play the game with any satisfaction one needs to see much more than just the ball, and the flight of the ball. The type of golf which consists mainly of finding balls which might have been "lost" is not exhilarating.

Even so enthusiasts, unless their zeal has very far outrun their ability, need not wait for the arrival of luminous golf balls if they wish to play through the night. It has already been done many times, and players have been able to produce extremely good figures. In one quite authentic case, for instance, two golfers played four holes at midnight. They did not have to spend any time searching for balls, though they were using quite normal balls without any such refinements as luminous paint, and the combined scores of the two players totalled up to the rather surprising figure of one under par.

This seems to show that a player is on his game he can "feel" the direction of his shot almost as easily as he can see it by daylight. However, there is more in golf than the mere getting of figures, and golf at night is not likely to become popular until not only the ball but the whole course is fully lighted.

No doubt this time will come, but until it does, the evening will remain sacred to the post mortem, as dear to some golfers as the round itself and far more successful.

FOOTBALL.

SUNDAY HERALD CHARITY SHIELD COMPETITION.

Hong Kong F.C. ground. Kick off at 3.45 p.m.

Monday, December 26th: Scotland v. Portugal.

Tuesday, December 27th: England v. China.

The following have been selected to play for England against China on Tuesday:—Avery (R.A.F.); Wynne (H.K. Police) and Bishop (H.K. Club); Everest (K.O.S.B.); Sims (Kowloon) and Watson (H.K. Club); Larking (Queen's Regt.); Northey (Kowloon); Vernon (R.A.F.); Leach (R.A.) and Herdridge (Queen's Regt.).

Reserves:—Wheeler (Kowloon); Brittain (H.K. Police); Barclay (Queen's Regt.) and C. Pile (Kowloon).

England will play in white.

HOCKEY.

UNIVERSITY v. HONG KONG HOCKEY CLUB "A"

This game takes place on Friday at 5 p.m. sharp at King's Park.

University—K. T. Loke (capt.), K. P. Gan, T. C. Teh, A. A. Rum-jah, G. S. Scully, C. W. Lam, B. N. Sudan, P. C. Lim, P. L. Teu, Dr. M. B. Osman and Dr. C. K. Ong.

HAMMOND'S CENTURY FOR M.C.C.

ANOTHER DRAWN MATCH.

[THROUGH BROKER'S AGENCY.]

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 19th. In the match against the Transvaal the M.C.C. scored 128 (Nopen 5 for 66, Vincent 4 for 16) and 300 for 9 wickets declared (Hammond 132, Vincent 5 for 78).

The Transvaal scored 199 (Geary 6 for 75) and 183 for 3 wickets. Match drawn.

ON THE HIGH SEA.

A TIME-HONOURED PRINCIPLE AT STAKE.

A TURKISH CASE.

Some fifty years ago the judicial and maritime world was roused to an excitement not usual in that tradition-bound milieu by a case which was first tried at the Central Criminal Court and later honoured with a full-dress trial by the Court for Crown Cases Reserved, composed of thirteen of the greatest judges in the land. This was the famous *Franconia* case. Keyn, the commander of a German ship, had been indicted for manslaughter due to alleged negligence, which had led to his vessel, the *Franconia*, running into and sinking a British vessel, the death of a passenger resulting. Keyn contended that as he was a foreigner, in a foreign vessel, on a foreign voyage, sailing upon the high sea, he was not subject to the jurisdiction of any court in this country. The contrary position maintained on the part of the Crown was, that inasmuch as at the time of collision both vessels were within the distance of three miles from the English shore, the offence was committed within the realm of England, and triable by the English Court.

It was held by seven of the judges against six that the Central Criminal Court had no jurisdiction to try offences by foreigners on board foreign ships, whether within or without the limit of three miles from the shores of England. It followed from this that the commander of a German vessel on the high sea was not liable to answer for acts committed upon it to any jurisdiction but that of the country to which it belonged, in accordance with the universally accepted fiction that a ship on the high sea is a part of the territorial area of the country of its flag.

Case Of The Lotus.

Such cases are not of frequent occurrence. In fact no parallel case had since arisen until a French steamer, the *Lotus*, in August, 1926, ran on the high sea into a Turkish ship, the *Boz-Kourt*. The *Boz-Kourt*, which was cut in two, sank, and eight Turkish nationals who were on board perished. After having done everything possible to succour the shipwrecked persons, of whom ten were saved, the *Lotus* continued on its course to Constantinople. On its arrival, the Turkish police held an inquiry, which resulted in the arrest of Lieutenant Demons, to whose negligence the police authority attributed the collision.

The case was first heard by the Criminal Court of Constantinople. The prisoner submitted that the Turkish Court had no jurisdiction; the Court, however, overruled his objection and condemned him to a term of imprisonment and a fine. The French Government, from the first, protested against Lieutenant Demons' arrest, on the ground that the offence having taken place on board a French ship the French Court alone had jurisdiction over it.

As a result of the French representations the Turkish Government agreed to the question of jurisdiction being referred for decision to the Hague Permanent Court. The Hague Court, which concluded the trial last month, was composed of thirteen judges like the Court which sat on the *Franconia* case. Six of them decided that the Turkish Court had jurisdiction, six others that it had not. The president gave his casting vote on the side of the former, the case was decided, was that, although the offence had its origin on board the *Lotus* its effects made themselves felt on board the *Boz-Kourt*. These two elements were, legally inseparable. It was only natural that each country should be able to exercise jurisdiction, and to do so in respect of the incident as a whole. Therefore it was a case of concurrent jurisdiction.

The chief contention of the dissenting judges was that the place where an offence has been committed is necessarily that where the guilty person is when he commits the act. The decision, although it absolves Turkey, leaves the question of principle open, there being practically as many judges for as against the Court's decision. It sets up a theory which is contrary to the notion enshrined by the judgment in the *Franconia* case. There are now two opposite views on the subject, both supported by high judicial authority. More than one of the judges threw out the suggestion that the question of jurisdiction in such cases ought to be the subject of international agreement.—Sir T. Barclay in *Manchester Guardian*.

COUNTY CRICKET POINTS.

LANCASHIRE'S PLAN PUT OFF UNTIL APRIL.

London, November 15th.

The proposal of the Lancashire County Cricket Club that points for a first innings lead in championship matches should be abolished and that a new scheme should be evolved for deciding the method of scoring in the county championship came before the Advisory County Cricket Committee at Lord's.

After considerable discussion Lancashire agreed to withdraw the motion for the present on the understanding that in the meantime the counties which play a smaller number of matches should endeavour to increase the number.

The *Daily Express* understands that Lancashire's proposal is by no means abandoned, and that it will be brought up again next April if in the interval the counties which play fewer matches have not added to the list.

Sir Edwin Stockton, the president of the Lancashire Club, who was present at the meeting at Lord's, made the following statement:—"I shall wait to see what is done before I bring the matter up again at the meeting in the early spring."

Hours Of Play.

New hours of play will be in force next season if the M.C.C. confirm the recommendations of the Advisory County Cricket Committee.

Somerset placed a proposal before the meeting that the hours of play in county championship matches be as follows:—

First day: 11.30 to 6.30.

Second day: 11.30 to 5.30.

Third day: 11.30 to 5.

with an extra half-hour on the third day on the demand of either side for the purpose of securing a definite result or, in the event of points being awarded for a lead on the first innings in an uncompleted match, for the purpose of securing a first innings decision.

This was carried, and the counties also agreed to the experiment of covering the wicket being continued for another season.

The board of control for Test matches, at home have made arrangements for the Test matches with the West Indies in 1928 and the selection committee to choose the England teams will be appointed in the spring. Arrangements for the Test trial match were also made.

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" 26th	7.00 "	5.48 "
" 27th	7.01 "	5.47 "
" 28th	7.01 "	5.47 "
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NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN, Hong Kong, 15th Dec., 1927. [5667]

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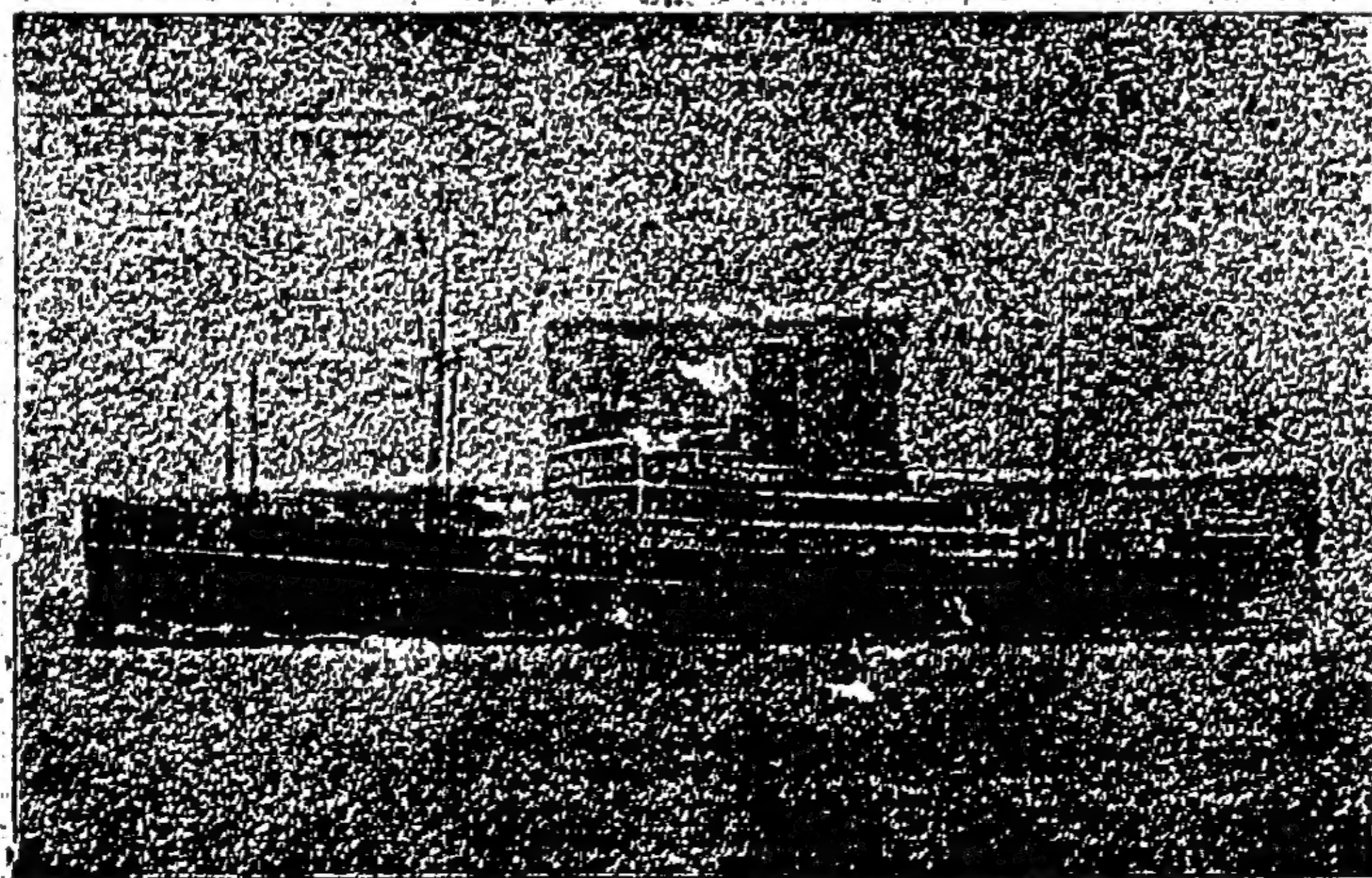
Shipping News

Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.	VESSELS EXPECTED.	PASSENGERS.
December 19th. Chien Lee, Chinese str., 1,850 tons, Capt. K. Ishii, from Dairen and Chefoo. The latter port she left on December 14th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C44—Yue Tai Hong.	American Mail Line. President McKinley, Dec. 25th. Australian-Oriental Line. Taiping, Jan. 7th. Bank Line. City of Peking, Dec. 24th. City of Calcutta, Jan. 14th. City of Madras, Jan. 31st. City of Adelaide, Feb. 18th.	Per s.s. President Jackson, from Manila, on December 19th—For Hong Kong: Miss L. Brandao, Mr. C. E. Bryan, Dr. W. S. Carter, Mr. Simphon Chang, Master Chin Wing Gau, Mrs. Choy Soc, Mr. Tomas Contreras, Mrs. Hou Yang, Mrs. Marei Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. D. Karagdag, Mr. S. Karsawa, Miss Kuan Chen, Master Kuan Hong, Miss Kuan Tong, Master Kuan Tong, Lt. and Mrs. Elmer S. Stoker, Mrs. Wong Chu Bor, Mr. Yee Wo Kong, Mrs. Yee Poi Ching, and Mr. G. Yoshiki. Among passengers passing through Hong Kong were: Mr. A. T. Humes, Mr. L. M. Jee, Mr. Hsieh Cho Min, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Tuft, and Miss B. Tuft, for Shanghai; Mr. A. Matsumoto and Mr. T. Tanaka, for Kobe; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Thompson, for Honolulu; Mr. and Mrs. E. Iserson, Misses Iserson (3), and Miss D. Jones, for San Francisco; Mr. W. M. Gibson, Mr. F. Liddell, and Mr. E. Villanueva, for Los Angeles.
December 20th. President Jackson, American str., 8,400 tons, Capt. John Griffith, from Manila, which port she left on December 17th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—A.M.L.	Blue Funnel Line. Helenus, to-day. Patroclus, Dec. 28th. Izium, Dec. 29th. Perseus, Dec. 29th. Tyndarus, Dec. 29th. Pyrrhus, Dec. 30th. Myrmidon, Jan. 7th. Ereos, Jan. 9th. Hector, Jan. 13th. Mentor, Jan. 17th. Proterius, Jan. 17th. Troilus, Jan. 22nd. Veleus, Jan. 24th. Wingchou, Feb. 2nd. Philoctetes, Feb. 5th. Talthybius, Feb. 7th. Aeneas, Feb. 13th. Autolytus, Feb. 16th. Achilles, Feb. 27th. Medon, Feb. 28th. Polyphemus, Feb. 28th. Bellerophon, Mar. 2nd. Calchas, Mar. 4th. Sarpedon, Mar. 8th.	Per s.s. President Taft, from America and ports, on December 19th—For Hong Kong: Mr. Chang Yuen Shan, Mr. and Mrs. D. Goy, Miss M. Gow, Miss F. C. Goy, Mr. and Mrs. Koon Sing Yee, Mr. Leong Han, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parkinson, Miss Sai Min, Miss Sik Kuo, Mr. Shim Lung Sang, Mr. S. C. Wong, Mr. Yee Chun Ching, Miss B. Yee, Mr. and Mrs. F. Yee, and Miss G. Yee. Among passengers passing through on their way to Manila were: Mrs. M. H. Allyn, Mr. J. E. Baugh, Miss E. Busch, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davis, Mrs. H. Denton, Miss B. Deaton, General G. A. L. Dumont, Mr. H. T. Edwards, Mrs. H. C. Foster, Master F. Foster, Mrs. H. E. Getze, Mrs. Ada C. Herron, Miss L. Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. C. Kittredge, Masters Kittredge (4), Mrs. C. F. Milligan, Mrs. L. E. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Morton, Mr. E. Murphy, Mr. F. R. Miller, Mrs. M. M. O'Malley, Dr. C. J. Pineda, Dr. E. V. Pineda, Miss L. Reaser, Mr. G. Simmie, Mrs. E. J. Teal, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. White and Master K. K. White.
December 20th. Chung Hing, Chinese str., 249 tons, Capt. Leung Rung, from Chow Wan with a general cargo, lying at Saikong Wharf—Yew Kee Co.	British India and Apcar Line. Santhia, Jan. 2nd. Garuda, Jan. 7th. Canadian Pacific Line. Empress of Asia, Dec. 29th. Doddwell & Co. Corby Castle, Jan. 1st. Vesuvius, Jan. 8th. Bowie Castle, Jan. 22nd. Dollar Steamship Line. President Harrison, Dec. 31st. East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen. Jara, Jan. 23rd. Australia, Feb. 13th. Asia, Feb. 21st. Eastern and Australian Lines. St. Albans, Dec. 27th. Arcadia, Jan. 2nd. Tanda, Feb. 6th.	Departures. Per s.s. Paul Leat, on December 20th, for Marseilles and ports: Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Lindeay, Miss R. Perrett, Capt. J. R. Aird, Mr. S. Sorrentino, Mr. and Mrs. James Hecsher, Mr. A. Hecsher, Misses Billings (3), Mr. W. B. Nolan, Mr. J. C. P. Pollok, and Mr. D. J. Maclean.
December 20th. Paul Leat, French str., 7,546 tons, Capt. Grillon, from Shanghai, which port she left on December 17th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Messageries Maritimes.	Glen Line. Glenog, Dec. 23rd. Glenaroy, Jan. 20th. Glenanda, Jan. 26th. Glenapp, Feb. 2nd. Glenluce, Feb. 23rd. Hamburg-America Line and Hugo Stinnes Linien. Ramses, to-day. Albert Vogler, Dec. 31st. Oldenburg, Jan. 12th. Havelland, Jan. 28th. Macklenburg, Feb. 5th. Emil Kirdoff, Feb. 25th. Holland East Asia Line. Oosterk, Jan. 10th. Java-China-Japan Lijn. Tjimanok, to-morrow. Tjikembang, Dec. 26th. Tjikini, Jan. 2nd. Tjiuwong, Jan. 2nd. Tjiaroca, Jan. 5th. Tjiaroca, Jan. 18th. Tjioudari, Jan. 18th.	Within Call. The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong yesterday:— Soochow, Helenus, Chenoneus, Kashgar, Devanha, Tilawa, Sunning, Derfflinger, Daviken, Sandviken, Anhu, Archer, Calulu, Cremer, Song Bo, Hang Sang, Ramess, Tjimanok, Bango Maru, Menado Maru, Koshun Maru, Kum Sang.
December 20th. Bourbon, for Saigon. Hai Ning, for Swatow. Kojun Maru, for Weihaiwei. Lt. St. Lambert Bir, for Shanghai. Paul Leat, for Saigon. Phranang, for Tourane. President Jackson, for Shanghai. President Taft, for Manila. Samarang Maru, for Moji. Tatara Maru, for Swatow. Tate Hing, for Macao. Takiwa, for Amoy. Tango Maru, for Manila. Tilawa, for Singapore.	Clearances. December 20th. Chenoneus, to-day. Angers, Jan. 4th. D'Artagnan, Jan. 18th. General Metzinger, Feb. 1st. Nippon Yusen Kaisha. Kama Maru, Dec. 28th. Genoa Maru, Dec. 28th. Takaoka Maru, Dec. 28th. Seiyo Maru, Dec. 28th. Hakusan Maru, Dec. 30th. Yayano Maru, Dec. 30th. Tottori Maru, Dec. 30th. Meigen Maru, Dec. 31st. Penang Maru, Jan. 2nd. (Continued on next column.)	Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen. Saarbruecken, Jan. 17th. Coblentz, Feb. 14th. Feninsular and Oriental. Kashgar, Dec. 23rd. Devanha, Dec. 24th. Delta, Dec. 31st. Prince Line. Japanese Prince, Dec. 31st. Japanese Prince, Jan. 20th. Royal Packet Nav. Co. (K.P.M.). Cremer, to-day. Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd. Canton, Jan. 5th. Delhi, Jan. 13th.

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TIENTSIN	"CHIPSING"	Fri., 30th Dec., at 5 p.m.
Kobe via AMOI, MOJI & YOKOHAMA	"KUMSANG"	Sun., 25th Dec., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, SHANGHAI, MOJI & Kobe	"NAMSANG"	Sun., 28th Jan., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, MOJI & Kobe	"KUTSANG"	Mon., 14th Jan., at 7 a.m.
CANTON	"YATSHING"	Fri., 23rd Dec., at 5 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"FOOSANG" "ROSANG"	Fri., 30th Dec., at 3 p.m. Wed., 11th Jan., at 3 p.m.
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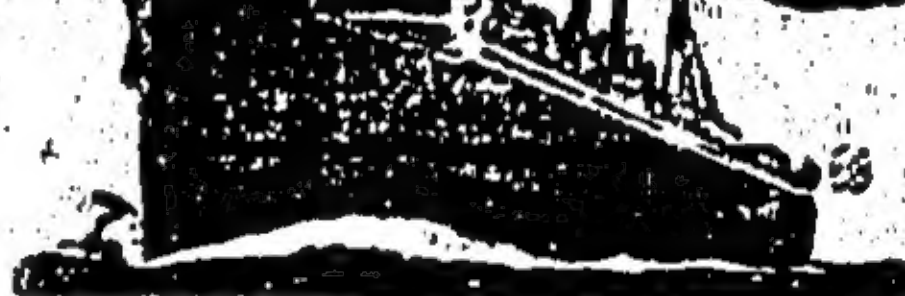
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